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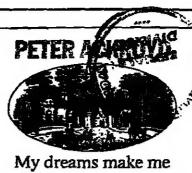
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Tories reward party 'spin doctors'

## Peerage for man behind demon poster

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MAURICE SAATCHI, the advertising guru behind the controversial "demon" poster of Tony Blair, becomes one of 14 new life peers to be announced today. The honour is a reward for over 17 years' service to the Conservative

Mr Saatchi, 50, who has been pivotal in four successive Tory general election victories, is joined by Peter Gummer, the chairman of Shandwick plc., and chairman designate of the Royal Opera House, who has also been a key public relations adviser to the Tories for several years.

John Taylor, the Tory candidate who became involved in a damaging race row at the last general election, is also among the six Tory "working peers" announced by Downing Street today. Mr Taylor, a barrister, becomes the Tories' first peer

of Afro-Caribbean descent. He lost the Cheltenham seat, which had been held by the Tories for more than 20 years, to the Liberal Demosplit over whether to back him. Since then it had been widely assumed that he would be unable to win another Tory

Yesterday Mr Taylor said: "I know it's a cliché, but this is something which has made my dreams come true. This is the rainbow after the rain. This has more than made up

for 1992." Last night, Labour seized on the awards to the top Tory "spin doctors", claiming that the peerage system had sunk to new depths. "No coronets



Saatchi: pivotal in four Tory election victories

and ermine will cover up Maurice Saatchi and Peter Gummer's role in dragging British politics lower than the gutter," said Frank Dobson. the Shadow Environment Secretary. "When they're deciding which title to take, one of them

will be 'Lord of the Lies'." Mr Saatchi and Mr Gummer, with Sir Tim Bell, a longstanding adviser to Lady Thatcher and John Major, change tack in the campaign against Labour at a meeting with Cabinet ministers last

The triumvirate, who have been dubbed Faith, Hope and Charity by officials at Conservative Central Office, devised the controversial "New Lab-our, New Danger" campaign, focusing on Tony Blair, the Labour leader.

This culminated in the poster portraying Mr Blair with evil red eyes, which provoked a storm of protest. It was denounced by some Tory MPs

and is now being investigated by the Advertising Standards Authority.

Even the actor whose eyes were used in the poster has denied that he knew the purpose of the advertisement. He says he will back Mr Blair in the election.

The 14 awards yesterday include six Tory life peers, six Labour peers and two Liberal Democrats. Mr Major has responsibility for deciding how many working peers to appoint overall and how many for each party, but the two leaders of the main opposition parties were invited to submit their own lists.

Labour peerages have been awarded to Sir Richard Rog-ers, the award-winning architect whose work includes the Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Lloyd's building in the

City.

Mr Blair has rewarded innovators and high flyers

the traditional rather than the traditional patronage given to trade unionists or former MPs.

Swraj Paul, the Indian-born chairman of the Caparo Group, the largest familyowned company in Britain. Dr Paul made headlines for donating El million to London Zoo to build the Ambika Paul Children's Zoo in memory of this daughter, who died of Leukaemia.

Elizabeth Symonds, who announced her resignation as the general secretary of the top civil servants' union on the eve of being awarded a life peerage, is now tipped for a Continued on page 2. col 7 The interior of the royal mausoleum. The inset statue on the left is of Isaiah by Hermann Huitzsch; that on the

## Rare glimpse of Victoria's tomb

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BANK holiday sightseers with a taste for the sepulchral will have an opportunity this weekend to see inside the grandest of all English royal tombs, which The Times was granted rare permission to photograph yesterday.

Queen Victoria had always wanted a mausoleum for herself and her beloved Prince Albert, having seen those of her continental relatives. Within days of Albert's death in December 1861 she had found the ideal site, a sequestered corner of the gardens of Frogmore House in Windsor Home Park, which was completed in 1868.

Traditionally, the mausoleum has been open for one day each year on the that the public should have wider access to the entire royal collection, many more people will have a chance to see the overpowering grandeur in which her

great-great grandmother lies. Victoria summoned the architects who had created a mausoleum for her uncle Leopoid of Saxe-Coburg. They produced a cruciform in the style of a 13th century Italian church, and on the Queen's orders filled the interior with decoration and sculpture in the style of Raphael, regarded by Prince Albert as the greatest painter who ever lived.

On a massive granite sarcophagus, the recumbent marble effigies of this deeply devoted couple lie side by side, Victoria

Wednesday nearest Victoria's birthday, looking far more youthful than her 82 but the bump in the shroud concealing the queen's feet gives away the fact that she was barely five feet tail.

Above the main tomb, the central dome

rises 70 feet and just behind the mausoleum is a private royal burial ground from which visitors are discouraged. The infinitely simpler tombs of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are not the ones they

Royal Mausoleum, Frogmore House (on B3021 between Old Windsor and Datchetj. Open Sat, Sun. Mon, this weekend only, 11-4. Adults £4.50 and concessions.

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## **DNA** tests clear boys in case of murdered schoolgirl

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

DNA tests have ruled out five British boys in the continuing investigation into the rape and murder of schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson. French police said

On Monday the boys, who are aged between 12 and 17 and were on the school trip to France with the murdered girl, gave blood and saliva samples to French detectives in Launceston, Cornwall, with their parents' permission.

Mrs Katherine Parnall, the solicitor representing the five boys, said: "If the boys were ever suspects then the scientific evidence now confirms their innocence and eliminates

After the test were taken they were immediately flown to a laboratory in France to be matched with samples taken from the body of the the 13year-old, who was raped and suffocated last month in a Brittany youth hostel while her room-mates slept just a

few feet away.
Mrs Parnall said: "This has been a traumatic time for these young people and we hope any interest in their activities will now cease.

"No one wants to detract from the suffering of the victim's family and we all hope the perpetrator of this hended as soon as possible. I have spoken to the parents today and one cannot stress too highly how traumatic it has been for these boys."

Caroline's body was found on July 18 in the hostel at Pieine-Fougeres near St Malo. Two days later French police arrested Patrice Padé, a 39 year-old homeless man, who was charged with the crimes after allegedly confessing. On August 6. French investigators admitted that DNA tests showed M Padé was innocent

#### Pakistan fans invade Lord's

Supporters of Pakistan invaded the pitch at Lord's during the under-15 cricket match aginst India yesterday.

At least two people were hurt in the disturbance, during which stumps were up-rooted and cans thrown and which was quelled by police. India beat Pakistan by four

#### Minister pledges to clear the air

Britain's air will be fit to breathe by 2005, according to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, who unveils Europe's first national air quality strategy today.

Targets have been set to reduce eight hazardous pollutants produced by cars and lorries but also by industry and agriculture...

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## Lebed accuses rivals of forging Yeltsin orders

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

plunged into chaos last night. after General Aleksandr Lebed, the country's security chief, charged Kremlin hardliners with forging President Yeltsin's signature on a decree ordering the recapture of

in an astonishing declaration, the tough former paratrooper, who also serves as the Cremlin's troubleshooter on Chechenia, in effect ques-tioned whether the ailing Russian leader is still running the country.

The order, divulged on Sunday, is that Grozny be returned to government control. as before the rebel offensive on August 6. It was interpreted by military commanders in Chechenia as approval for an all-out military offensive starting tomorrow to retake the

RUSSIA'S leadership was capital. That would almost certainly cost thousands of civilian lives and destroy General Lebed's ceasefire, peace initiative and credibility. "The contents of the docu-

ments give solid grounds to doubt that the President of Russia took a direct part in finalising the text of the order, said a statement by General Lebed's Security Council, It added that the order was full of contradictions and was not signed by the Russian leader. Instead it used a "facsimile" of his signature.

General Lebed's accusation took on added meaning after a flurry of reports suggesting that Mr Yeltsin had suffered a relapse of his heart condition and that he may be considering surgery. The Kremlin. attempting to dampen specu-

lation, announced that President Yeltsin had taken a twoday trip to the Valdai, the lake district 200 miles north of Moscow, However, they only succeeded in adding to the confusion as local officials

denied knowledge of the visit. At stake are the lives of up to 200,000 civilians trapped in Grozny. They have been given until tomorrow to flee or risk a repeat of the 1995 Russian assault on the capital which left 30,000 dead. General Konstantin Puli-

kovsky, acting commander of Russian forces in Chechenia, warned inhabitants that they faced an artillery, rocket and air harrage unless they evacuated the city. "Grozny will without fail be cleared of rebel fighters," he said.

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## Couples may soon 'I do it' at a B&Q

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ACCORDING to the jingle, "You can do it if you B&Q it Now, if Britain's largest DIY retailer gets its way, that will extend to marriage. B&Q has applied for its new 5,500sq.ft superstore in Cambridge to be registered as a venue for civil marriages.

Emma Carrigan, the store manager, said: "It is being done very tastefully. We are the first of B&Q's 280 stores to apply to offer weddings."

An upstairs office has been decorated to a design by Kelly Odeil, the store's in-house designer, and staff are waiting to hear if the licence is granted before adding the finishing touches, including voile and co-ordinated curtains to diffuse the light and create a



romantic atmosphere. One member of the staff is already considering being married in the store.
Weddings at B&Q would

cost more than those at the Shire Hall in Cambridge. Adrian Wright, the Superintendent Registrar, said yesterday that the national charge at register offices was £46.50. Weddings not performed in the register office in Cam-bridgeshire would be charged at £121.50 on weekdays and

more at weekends. "B&Q's is a nice little room capable of holding about 20 people, including ourselves," he added, "and the staff are trying to create a really friendly atmosphere."

The Two Gentlemen of Verona. The

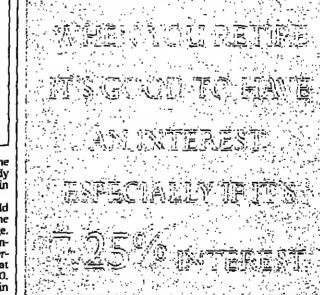
opening night of one of the Bard's

The original Globe Theatre in

London was built in 1598, and burnt

lesser-known plays is on Saturday, although the theatre's official gala

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## Decibel problem for actors at the new Globe before the curtain rises for previews of

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE actors performing in tonight's inaugural production at the reconstructed Globe Theatre have been coached in the art of "projecting" their voices, and even shouting, to make themselves heard. For the reconstructed Elizabethan theatre - with its open roof - is directly under the flight path for Heathrow.

pneumatic drills, car horns and police sirens. Not that Shakespeare's cast had it all their own way: loth century audiences were notorious for talking. drinking and even throwing fruit at performers they disapproved of.

Yesterday, Mark Rylance, the actor and artistic-director, was himself struggling to project his voice as he introduced his cast to the world's press. Straining to be heard, he was shouting rather than throwing his

voice. Gone were all traces of any RADA-trained "act-or's voice".

But he later dismissed suggestions that the cast were having problems with the acousties. "It's demanding rather than difficult," he insisted. "If I say a line such as, 'I love you', I have to make a choice and play it boldly and

clearly." A spokesman said that vacuum cleaners and other machinery, which were blamed for yesterday's noise

down in 1613. An army of sprinklers is in position to ensure that history does not repeat itself. pollution, will be switched off long

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Black barrister rejected in Cheltenham is elevated to Lords with Tory women's rights campaigners

## This is the rainbow after the rain, says Tory in race row

By James Landale, political reporter

JOHN TAYLOR, whose attempt to become the first Conservative MP Afro-Caribbean descent sparked an ugly race dispute within his local party in Cheltenham, said yesterday that his elevation to the Lords was the rainbow after the rain".

The barrister and broadcaster said: "This has made up for 1992. I know it's a cliche. but this is something which has made my dreams come

There is a lot of goodwill, I feel very encouraged and quite taken by all this. It will be a great challenge."

His father, a professional cricketer who played for Warwickshire in the 1950s, had always told him that his ultimate ambition should be to play at Lord's, he said. "Well. I am going there, but not to play

Mr Taylor, 42, from Birmingham, has remained an active member of the Conservative Party since the last election, but he has not applied to become a candidate again. The Cheltenham seat had been Tory-held for 20 years. Although he won more than 28,000 votes, the Liberal Democrats won with a slim

majority of 1,668. Local Tories were deeply split over whether Mr Taylor was the right candidate for them and the constituency. He and his family endured the

cartoons were spread around Cheltenham, Mr Taylor said at the time that he felt like Daniel in the lion's den.

Since the defeat, Mr Taylor said that he and his wife, Kathie, had received 20,000 letters encouraging them to ignore what happened. He has pursued a career as a writer and broadcaster and is currently presenting a con-sumer affairs programme, The Street, on BBC2. They have two children, Laura, aged eight, and Alexandra, who is one.

Mr Taylor said he would be an active working peer, paying particular attention to his chief interests of legal affairs and broadcasting issues. He has not yet talked to the Lords authorities about what name he might take, but he doubted that he would become Lord Taylor of Cheltenham.

Although he will be the only peer of Afro-Caribbean descent, there are several of Indian origin, such as the Labour economist Lord Desai and the Tory peer Lady Flather. Lord Pitt of Hampstead, born in the West Indies, was the last Afro-Caribbean peer. He died in 1994.

Senior Labour sources said Mr Taylor's elevation was official recognition that the only way a black person could represent the Tory party in Parliament was to be imposed on the House of Lords. "Conservative associations have shown themselves incapable candidate as an MP," one source said.

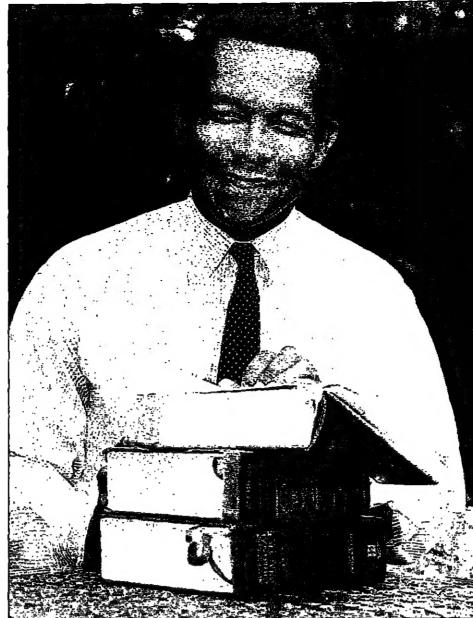
Conservative officials rejected the claim and pointed out that the party had an Asian MP, Niranjan Deva, representing Brentford and Isleworth. Nine other candidates from ethnic minorities were standing at the next general Another new recruit peer to

the Tory benches in the Lords is Sir lan MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, who is credited with turning the company into Britain's most profitable supermarket chain. This year the company overtook its greatest rival Sainsbury's to become Britain's leading food retailer, with pre-tax profits of Ep81 million.

Sir lan, 59, joined Tesco as a management trainer in 1959. and swiftly moved up the ranks. He was appointed knighted in 1989.

Yesterday he said he was very proud to receive the barony: "It is a great honour. I am looking forward to the work enormously as I have an enormous affinity with the Conservative Party."

Two female grandees of the Tory party's voluntary wing. both of whom are ardent campaigners for more women MPs. become baronesses. Dame Joyce Anelay, 49, is vice-chairman of the Conservative Party National Union. She has spent much of her life working for the party and was until recently chairman of the



John Taylor yesterday: he is unlikely to include Cheltenham as part of his title

Conservative Women's National Committee, playing a key role in trying to promote women in the party.

The former secondary school history teacher and consultant in social security law is also a magistrate and a

leading figure in the Citizens Advice Bureaux. Dame Hazel Byford, 55. is president of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations. The daughter of the former Tory MP, Sir Cyril

of her life involved with the party. She was chairman of the National Committee of Conservative Women from 1990-93. She has been a member of Leicestershire Women's

## Saatchi takes a rollercoaster ride to the top

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MAURICE SAATCHI'S elevation to the Lords marks the latest upturn in a rollercoaster career considered remarkable even in unpredictable world of advertising, coming just as he is being vilified for backing the Tories "devil eyes" attack on Tony Blair.

Mr Saatchi's prominent role with his brother Charles in running the last four general election advertising campaigns for the Conservatives has brought him closer to John Major than he ever was to Baroness Thatcher, Together with fellow advertising doyens Peter Gummer and Sir Tim Bell, he devised the "New Labour, New Danger\* campaign that party strategists hope will help demolish Labour's chances of victory.

Although the party has remained loyal to him and his agency - most notably after he and his brother left the Saatchi & Saatchi agency they founded - he has had mixed success. Best remembered in political circles for devising the "Labour isn't working" advertisement that helped Mrs Thatcher win power in 1979, Mr Saatchi's stock plummeted when his campaign for the 1992 general election was criticised as lacklustre.

However, Mr Major and Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, were adamant that, despite the criticism and the acrimonious break-up of the old Saatchi empire, the brothers should be retained. The new firm of M&C Saatchi was soon awarded the contract for the next general election.

Maurice Saatchi became relatively reclusive when his company had to be saved from collapse at the start of the 90s after over-ambitious expansion. However, he regained the aggression that led to Saatchi & Saatchi becoming one of the world's greatest agencies, fighting a bitter feud before leaving last year.

Almost always dressed in black and white, the 50-yearold shuns the fast-talking style of advertising colleagues and is credited with a keen business eve and endless charm.

It seems only natural that Maurice Saatchi should be joined on the red benches of the Lords by Mr Gummer, chairman of Shandwick, and a close friend with whom he is working closely on the current Tory campaign. Mr Gummer, younger brother of John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, set up Shandwick in 1974 and built it into one of the largest public relations firms in the world. Shandwick's profits peak in the mid-1980s was followed by a rocky early 1990s, from which it has since

Next month he succeeds Sir Angus Stirling as chairman of the Royal Opera House, an appointment not without controversy. He chaired the Arts Council's National Lottery advisory panel when it gave £78.5 million towards the redevelopment of the Royal Opera single body. He has always been a strong supporter of opera and has stressed that the £200 million redevelopment should enable greater

## Blair seeks to beef up prospective ministry



By JUL SHERMAN AND JAMES LANDALE

ELIZABETH SYMONS, general secretary of the senior civil servants' trade union and one of six Labour life peers to be announced today, is widely tipped to be a frontbencher in a Labour Government.

Ms Symons, 45, who is to resign as leader of the Association of First Division Civil Servants. was the first woman to be elected head of a Whitehall union seven years ago. Labour sources also emphasise Ms Symons's direct experience of government A Cambridge graduate, she joined the Civil Service after doing research. She is a friend of Tony Blair.

She could well be joined on Labour's front bench by David Currie.

Professor of Economics at the London Business School, who only recently resigned from the team of economists advising Kenneth Clarke. Professor Currie, who becomes a life peer today, has been informally advising Mr Blair on the economy and could play a significant part in a future Labour Treasury team.

Other Labour life peers include Dr Swraj Paul, the Indian-born chairman of the Caparo Group, the largest family-run business in the country. The Caparo Group has made substantial donations to the Labour Party but has also in the past contributed to

Tory funds. Dr Paul, 65, has a personal fortune of about £85 million, putting him among Britain's 100 richest people. Labour sources said that Mr Paul had a "huge talent" which had been illustrated by his ability to transform the iron and steel industry in Britain.

Meta Ramsay, the former diplomat and foreign affairs adviser to the late John Smith, becomes a life peer. Once tipped as a possible intelligence chief, Miss Ramsay, 60, is currently an honorary visiting research fellow in peace studies at Bradford University. She sits on the executive committee of the Labour Finance and Industry Group and is a member of the Labour Movement for Europe.

Larry Whitty, general secretary of the Labour Party under Neil Kinnock and Mr Smith, also becomes a peer. Credited with masterminding a radical overhaul of the party machine and its finances, Mr Whitty, 53, was moved to the post of Labour's European co-ordinator after Mr Blair

became party leader in 1994. The award-winning architect Sir Richard Rogers, whose work includes the Pompidou centre in Paris, the Lloyd's building, and Channel 4's new headquarters, also joins Labour's ranks in the Lords.

John Alderdice, leader of Northern Ireland's cross-community Alliance Party, was nominated for a life peerage by Paddy Ashdown. He will speak as Alliance Party leader on Northern Ireland issues, and take the Liberal Democrat whip on wider matters; he will not join Mr Ashdown's party. Dr Alderdice's elevation marks the pivotal role he has played in the search for peace, although his party has been squeezed between the Unionist and nationalist blocs at general elections.

## Peerage for Saatchi

Continued from page 1 front-bench appointment in a

Labour government. David Currie, Professor of Economics at the London Business School, and one of the former "wise men" advising Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, on economic strategy, also becomes a Baron. He is being tipped as a member of a Blairled Labour government.

The Prime Minister can top up the working peers list at any time during the year. following deaths or retirements, but the honours announcement caught some people by surprise. Some Tory MPs were amazed that Mr Major had decided to go ahead with the list during the

summer recess and while the controversy raged over Mr Saatchi's poster. Although the decision would have been taken several weeks ago, the announcement will be seen as Mr Major's endorsement of the poster. There was also speculation over whether Mr Saatchi would play an active role in the Lords.

Mr Saatchi, who is on holiday, issued a statement insisting that he would not renege on his new duties, although he is not expected to cut down on his advertising business."I am profoundly honoured and will work diligently for the government cause in the House of Lords,"

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## Animal activists to stand in Tory seats

Animal rights activists are to challenge 40 Tory MPs in marginal seats at the next election in protest at the Government's refusal to ban live animal exports. Respect for Animals, formerly the anti-fur trade group known as Lynx. believes there are enough traditional Tory supporters who back their campaign and are willing to vote against the

Under the campaign slogan, "Don't vote for a cruel Government", the group's candidates will not seek to attract votes themselves but instead will urge people either to abstain or to vote for a party other than the Tories.

## Cull talks continue

The culling of cattle in Northern Ireland was halted for a second day as the Government continued talks with abattoir owners in a dispute over payment. Slaughterhouse operators in England are also negotiating but have made no threat yet to withdraw from the scheme, part of measures to eliminate BSE. The Government wants to cut by about half the payment per animal killed. The £87.50 fee was set high to get the cull started in May.

## Holiday murder case

Three men have been charged with robbing and murdering a British holidaymaker on an island in the Philippines in May. Linda Vockins, 34. was beaten to death as she walked to a beach and her body dumped in a ravine near the holiday cortage she was renting. The coroner at an inquest in Newbury, Berkshire, yesterday recorded a verdict of unlawful killing on Miss Vockins, a public relations manager from Burghfield Common.

#### Coach deaths charges

The coach driver and operator involved in a crash near Raglan. Monmouth, last year in which ten people died are to face charges, the Crown Prosecution Service said. Philip Crisp, the coach driver, faces charges of ten counts of death by dangerous driving as well as other charges. Ronald Lewis, the coach operator, faces four charges, including causing a vehicle to be used with defective brakes. They are due to appear at Abergavenny Magistrates' Court on September 25.

## Loyalist march banned

The Royal Ulster Constabulary has banned a Protestant march from passing through a Roman Catholic section of the Ormeau Road in Belfast this weekend because of fears of sectarian violence. The Black Preceptory Boys, a loyalist group, had intended to walk the mile-long route as part of its annual church parade from its hall in Ballynafaigh to its church on the Ormeau Road.

## bill for Allwood

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE NHS has agreed to pay for Mandy Allwood, the mother expecting octuplets, to be treated by the obstetrician of her choice. Two officials met Miss Allwood in secret and promised that the state would foot a bill of up to 5500,000 for her and the babies to be cared for by Kypros Nicolaides, an expert in multiple births.

Solihull Health Authority had previously insisted that other patients' services would have to be cut if Miss Allwood was treated at King's College Hospital, London, which charges more for maternity services than its preferred trusts in the Midlands. The authority had demanded that she should be treated locally and refused to approve the bill for Professor Nicolaides.

However, Rod Griffiths, regional director of public health for the West Midlands. said vesterday the NHS would Maternal choice matters." He had arranged to meet Miss Allwood outside a restaurant in Bagshot, Surrey, on Sunday. She was accompa-nied by her boyfriend Paul Hudson and a representative of the News of the World, which is buying her story for a six-figure sum. Professor Griffiths was accompanied by Mike Deakin, Solibull's pub lic health consultant.

"It was very cloak-and-dagger stuff," Professor Griffiths said. "It is unusual to provide maternity care to people in hiding." He told Miss Allwood, who is 15 weeks pregnant, that she could continue being treated by Professor Nicolaides, who had been recommended by her consul-

tant in Birmingham. Professor Griffiths defended Solihuli's position because it had been based on the belief that Miss Allwood was still living in the Midlands. She has been at a safe house in Wandsworth, southwest London. "It is entirely possible that she could move again three or four times."

Max Clifford. Miss Allwood's publicist, said of his client last night: "This is someone who has always paid a contribution to the National Health. It is not asking too much that the National Health should help her in times of need." She had moved to the Surrey countryside after photographers found her hideaway in Wandsworth.

## NHS pays London | Woman lawyer speaks out on Princess's sexy clothes

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Princess of Wales and other women should not complain if men take pictures of them when they appear in public in sexy clothes, a woman barrister told a court vesterday.

Jacqueline Samuel spoke out during a case against a former security chief, who was at the centre of allegations that a store's cameras were used secretly to film the Princess of Wales. The footage was reported to have included lingering close-ups of her cleavage and legs.

"If a member of the public, whether royalty or not, is willing to go into a public place in low cleavage, it ill behoves criticism if anyone takes a picture," Jacqueline Samuel told a judge at South-

wark Crown Court. She made her comments during a hearing at which she was prosecuting Gary Archer, the former head of security at Harvey Nichols, who was accused of stealing two walkietalkies, two rugs, a tapestry border and a footstool from the Knightsbridge store.

The Recorder Desmond

36, of North Petherton, Somerset, after more than a day of The Princess was said to

have been secretly filmed as she shopped at Harvey Nichols and as she met her friend Christopher Whalley in a café. Miss Samuel argued that the allegations concerning Mr Archer would not prejudice his trial on the two theft charges: 'It is no offence at all to take videos of people who wear low-neck dresses in public places. Princess Diana was in public place. I think criticism of a person who took a

video would be unfounded." Kathryn Brown, deputy editor of the women's magazine Elle, criticised the barrister's remarks. "Women should wear whatever clothes they want. It shouldn't be anybody's place to take a picture of them just because they are wearing a low top. Princess Diana docsn't wear overtly

position. A spokeswoman for the Princess said: "The only point we would make is that Her Royal Highness never complained. It may be that other

sexy clothes. She always dress-

es very appropriately for her

people took it upon themselves to complain on her behalf."

The judge dismissed the charges after being told by Mark Milliken-Smith, for the defence, that Mr Archer's partner. Susan Archer, appeared to have instigated the charges after an acrimonious separation. It was also possible, the court was told, that Mrs Archer, a prosecution witness, had sold the story of the secret videos to a newspaper as part of her campaign against her husband.

The judge said the possibility of a prosecution witness having instigated the charges could be prejudicial to the trial. The time lapse between the rug theft in 1993 and the date when Mr Archer was charged meant that he was unable to trace a vital defence witness. "I have come to the conclusion that it would be wrong to allow proceedings to ntinue." the judge said.

Mr Archer, who was made redundant by the store in August 1994, refused to comment after the hearing. Miss Samuel later said that her comments during the case were "legal argument" and not necessarily her view.

## Snap poll fear makes Lib-Dems trim plans

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Liberal Democrats are being forced to cut back their "wish list" of manifesto commitments as the party tries to control its spending plans. Urgent meetings are being held to modify some spending proposals in readiness for the possibility of a snap general election.

Education, health and employment policies will suffer some of the cuts ordered by Malcolm Bruce, the party's Treasury spokesman, ahead of next month's party conference.

Even the party's proposed overseas aid budget a long-standing hallmark of past election manifestos, is to be shaved. The cutting back of some "pet projects" is de-signed to make sure that other key pledges remain intact. The party wants to retain its proposal to pump £2 billion into education, if necessary by raising income tax by 1p, removing 750,000 low earners from tax altogether and to

3,000 more palicemen. It also remains committed to reducing vehicle excise duty to £10 on cars under 1400cc and to introducing incentives to employers offering jobs to the unemployed. Free eye and dental checks are also sacroscanci.

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## Barnardo's calls for protection of child prostitutes

Browne, QC. dismissed the

charges against Mr Archer.

By Dominic Kennedy

MEN who lure girls under 16 into prostitution should be more harshly punished, a chil-dren's charity said yesterday.

Barnardo's, which is helping 45 girls in Bradford, found they were all enticed into prostitution by older "boy-friends" who had had sexual relations with them when they were as young as 12

The charity wants these pimps to face a maximum jail sentence of five years instead of the current two years: the penalty imposed by the 40-year-old Sexual Offences Act for causing or encouraging prostitution of a girl aged under 16 but over 13.

Because the punishment is so light, police cannot even arrest men suspected of controlling child prostitutes. They have to issue a summons instead. Even if they had the in-

creased powers, there are

doubts as to whether these

child prostitutes often believe they are in love with their pimps. If a statement is made, it is usually retracted virtually immediately because the girl decides she still loves the man Barnardo's, which hoped to

save girls from prostitution when it began its Street and Lanes project 15 months ago. now has the more modest immediate goal of counselling and feeding the girls, reducing drug abuse and promoting health. Even when the charity

influence of their pimps, the men are able to find girls as young as 13 to work for them within days, The young women and

girls are locked into an abusive relationship where they are dependent on their 'boyfriend who they believe loves them." said Sara Swann, the project leader. "He in turn offers the young woman to his friends, sends them out on the streets or sells the girls on, under the pretext that he loves

The girls have been raped physically and emotionally abused, and the majority have been infected with sexually transmitted diseases, and yet the abusers go unpunished."

The youngest girl being helped by Barnardo's is 12. The girls most likely to be-come prostitutes are those already estranged from their families, or who have been physically or sexually abused. All but one of the girls helped

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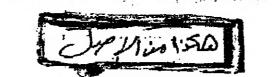
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## Navvies go back to class to fill the holes in their education



Roadmending will need brains as well as brawn

BY PAUL WILKINSON

DIGGING up the road is no longer a matter of sticking up a few cones. taping off a lane and sitting back to watch the traffic pile up. The navvies of tomorrow will need a certificate to say they know just how to swing a pick.

The Road and Streetworks Act 1991, which comes into effect next August, means that even the humblest labourer should have a piece of paper saying he is competent to dig his hole. It makes it an offence, carrying a hefty fine, and probably blacklisting in the industry, to run a road gang without at least member of the gang holding a City and

Guilds certificate of competence in roadworks. Eventually all are likely to need them.

In an attempt to beat the deadline, an estimated 150,000 labourers are queuing to attend one of up to 80 courses which will teach them about health and safety regulations, legal requirements for excavations, how to use plans and equipment to find or avoid buried cables and pipes and even how to dig a hole correctly, leaving the site as if it had never been touched.

"The days of the uneducated labourer are numbered," said Stephen Fisher, a former senior technician with the old South Yorkshire County Council highways depart-

ment, who has set up his own training scheme. "The industry still needs fit young men, but all the hard work is done by machines these days. A young bloke with a mini-digger can do a tremendous amount of work in a day; he can also do an awful amount of damage. I have seen whole estates with their power or water cut off because someone has dug in the

"In many cases it is teaching grandmothers to suck eggs. but frequently people who think they know it all find they have been taught wrongly. It is quite a culture shock for sumeone of 50 or 60 who has been on the roads all his life to

been physically sick at the prospect, but many are self-employed and without the certificate they are out

Mr Fisher's firm Utilities Training (Northern) at Wakefield, west Yorkshire, has got its own 200-yard section of road for students to practise on. This has been coming for several years, but frankly not everybody has cottoned on. Not everyone will be ready by next

Mr Fisher has a wry smile for suggestions that his school is all about learning to lean on a shovel. tea-brewing and digging a hole

have to go back to the classroom.

Some cannot read and some have been physically sick at the prospect, builder's burn, wolf whistles for pretty girls and workers dressed like slobs are numbered," he said.

> "It is not part of our course, but companies are realising that their image is harmed by the prospect of a road gang turning up at 6am looking like they have just fallen out of the pub. These days site workers will be neady dressed with hard hats and high-visibility jackets and even clean-shaven. Soon they will be skilled in dealing politely with the public."

John Ralph, a site foreman who has completed the course, said: "A lot of the things are day-to-day practices, but it has drawn my attention to the amount of detail we will have to look at."

Paul Watter, head of roads and transport policy with the AA, said: We are firmly behind this. Some time ago we carried out our own survey of roadworks and found that at least one third were badly placed. signed or sited. It is short-term

works that are the worst.

You often seen potholes being filled off the back of a lorry and then just rolled over with the vehicle's wheels. A number of serious incidents can be traced back to poorly executed roadworks and we feel there should be some level of accountability."

## WPC told to quit after stepping in to help battered wife

A SPECIAL constable who used her warrant card to help a penniless neighbour to obtain benefit for food and electricity has been told to resign from the Metropolitan Police. Bernadette Pugh says that she will refuse to leave voluntarily and claims that

she has been treated unfairly. She said last night: "Hell will freeze over before I resign. I will fight this as hard as ! can. I am being punished for showing compassion." If she fails to resign, her local com-mander will ask the Commissioner, Sir Paul Condon, to dismiss her.

Ms Pugh said that she intended to contest the decision of the divisional internal inquiry by appealing directly to Sir Paul. If that failed she would take her case to the Home Secretary. "Those are the only courses open to me, but I believe they will listen to me on humanitarian grounds."

Ms Pugh, 31, a mother of two children, was suspended ten months ago after helping a 21-year-old battered wife to obtain money from the DSS office in Enfield, north London. The police accept that she acted in good faith to help a neighbour in need, but say it was "not necessary or right to abuse her warrant of authormatter".

She went into the DSS office while off duty and wearing her warrant card to facilitate a meeting between the neigh-

bour and a senior manager. She said: "The woman, whom I knew slightly, knocked on my door and told me she was desperate, cold and starving and without money to buy food or charge her electricity key. She had a very young child and feared for her wellbeing.

She told Ms Pugh that she had been the victim of a violent husband and had been rehoused in a nearby council flat after being given refuge in a home for battered women. "She told me she was so desperate that, unless she obtained benefit, she would commit a crime and steal food. I knew I could not see her and her little girl starve or freeze

## Compensation plea rejected

A former police officer who was shot and seriously wounded while on duty has been refused compensation by the Criminal Injuries

Compensation Board. Keith Bottomley, 33, was a probationary officer with Suffolk Constabulary in July 1992 when he was hit in the chest and arm. He returned to work but was 1993 and told he was "not of the right character". His claim for compensation failed because his superiors did not link the dismissal to

and I did not want desperation to drive her to a criminal act. So I went with her to the DSS office and showed my warrant card to the security man who ushered us through to see a woman in charge. After she gut the money she gave me a big hug."

She said that she immediately informed her superior of what she had done. "I was summoned to a disciplinary hearing and told that I had misused my warrant card. I thought that would be the end of it but then, because of a complaint from the DSS office, I was suspended."

She added: "Part of our code

of conduct is to promise to show compassion and that is exactly what I did. I believe I have been treated very harshly and unfairly. If I had apprehended a mugger or thief they would not have cared whether I was off duty or not." A statement issued on be-

half of the Metropolitan Police said: "We expect special constables to work to the same high standards that we expect from regular serving police officers and this includes mak-ing proper and authorised use of their warrant card."

The statement said that Ms Pugh had agreed initially to attend a meeting last Thurs-Enfield division but had then refused to go. "A letter from the divisional manager has been sent to the special constable requesting her to resign and we await her reply."



Bernadette Pugh says that "hell will freeze over" before she resigns voluntarily

## Schoolgirl was killed by local, police believe

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE naked body of a missing tecnager has been found in a cornfield two weeks after she disappeared. Detectives said that the killer of Sarah Bottomley probably came from the surrounding area.

Yesterday the 14-year-old's father made an appeal for help as police began questioning residents in and around the market town of Oakham, Leicestershire, where the victim lived. Her body was found

five miles away, near the village of Edmondthorpe, which has a population of 80.

A man walking his dog found the body, which had been crudely hidden beneath a bedseaver. hedgerow, but it is not yet known how the teenager died. Sarah, who lived with her father Mark, 37, a factory worker, brother Daniel, 15, and sister Victoria, 10, was last seen by her family on August 5. She was not reported missing for two days because her father assumed she had gone to visit her mother, Carol, 34, who lives in Wymondham.

There is a lane alongside the field where Sarah's body was found early on Monday, and she may have been killed elsewhere. She had recently camped near by with friends. Sarah was seen with a

group of youths in Oakham on

the evening of August 5. It is not known where she spent the night but she was seen again in the town next day. lan Stripp said there was "every indication the answer to what has happened does lie here in the local community. The case will be solved with

local information." The body

was decomposed and may have been in the field for a week, he said. Sarah was identified by her jewellery. Her father broke down as

he spoke of her. "She was a very happy, lively girl who had many friends and knew a lot of people in Oakham. Someone, somewhere, knows where she has been and who she has been with. Someone knows something and I want them to help the police find who did this to Sarah."

He telephoned Sarah's mother, from whom he is separated, when he became worried about their daughter. Sarah made regular taxi trips to see her mother and the lane off which the body was found led to her mother's village.

Detectives were also searching for Sarah's clothing. The girl, who was a fan of rave music, was wearing different outfits on the last two occasions on which she was seen and it is thought that she may have changed at a friend's



Sarah Bottomley: went

## Briton held on bomb charge

UTTERSTROEM IN STOCKHOLM

A MAN from London was remanded in custody by a Swedish court yesterday after allegedly being caught carrying a home-made nail bomb at an anti-Nazi protest in the southwest of the country. David Thomas, who will

face trial in two weeks, was one of seven people arrested on Saturday when a demonstration by neo-Nazis in Trollhattan to commemorate the anniversary of Rudolf Hess's death erupted into violent clashes between neo-Nazis and anti-fascists.

Mr Thomas, 34, was charged with possessing a weapon with intent to harm. police said. The other six people arrested had been re-Thomas Wennerstrand, the chief prosecutor, said that Mr Thomas admitted making the bomb but denied planning to use it against the neo-Nazis.

## Shipping lane rescue ends rum day out for Whiskey

By EMMA WILKINS

spent 20 minutes keeping the THE astonished crew of a dog affuat as another crewpassenger ferry called in resman called the Coastguard, cue services after they saw a two-year-old golden retriever who summoned a Ministry of swimming in busy shipping Defence police launch with lanes four miles out at sea.

Mr Blaxman said that Whiskey had been playing with his owner on a beach Whiskey was in an anxious state by the time it was eventually hauled aboard. near Gosport, Hampshire, when a strong current swept "He scratched us to bits but him out to sea. As Douglas Cadle shouled for his pet to return to shore, the dog started swimming towards the Isle of Wight.



Whiskey safe on dry land after his ordeal

you can't blame the dog because he was getting very tired and distressed." The rescue, on Monday

when MoD police managed to haul the dog aboard their launch and return to shore. Whiskey was examined by a vet and found to be tired but unharmed.

Mr Cadle, who lives in Alverstoke, Hampshire, said: Whiskey was delighted to be reunited with his brother. Ginger. He likes to swim although he has never gone quite that far before. I'm not sure how keen he will be to get into the water now."

Mr Cadle said that Whiskey had ignored his shouts and appeared to think that the Isle of Wight was Gosport beach. He became disorientated and distressed as the current started taking him away from the shore. It looked as though he was paddling to the Isle of

## **Foraging** children in care

BY AUDREY MAGEE FOUR children were in care

last night after neighbours reported seeing the eldest foraging for food in dustbins while the mother was away. It was claimed that three boys and a girl, aged from ten months to four years, had been left in the care of drunken youths at the council house in Ardoyne, Belfast. The 20year-old mother was said to be at a party. Police wore face masks against the stench of conditions in the house when they went to retrieve the

children. The family had been receiving visits from social welfare since moving to the house three months ago. Yesterday the social services held an emergency internal meeting afternoon to discuss the case.

The mother denied neglecting her family, and said she had been out shopping. She told BBC Radio Ulster: "Somebody wrecked the house. It was spotless when I left it."

## Teacher jailed after school gave him second chance

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A SCIENCE teacher was jailed for a year yesterday after being convicted of sexual assaults on pupils which happened after governors decided not to sack him for an earlier incident

Christopher Keeton, head of chemistry at North Chadderton High School, near Oldham, Greater Manchester, continued to grope girls after governors gave him a second chance when he was caught trying to kiss a 16-year-old pupil four years ago. The 32year-old was found guilty after a six-day trial at Manchester Crown Court of seven attacks on four different girls at the

Oldham council yesterday defended the school's actions, saying that the decision in chance while banning him from being alone with girl pupils was based on all available evidence at the time about a seemingly isolated incident.

school.

Judge Harold Singer said Keeton had been "arrogant and bold" in defying the ban. The horror that must rise in the minds of any parents of young girls must be measure-less. You gratified your lust and you did so on school

premises," he said. He added: "Not only did you indecently assault young girls, you did so in classrooms. running the risk that someone might have come in." He said that Keeton, who had been at the 1,450-pupil mixed comprehensive school since 1986, was on the evidence a fine teacher who greatly enjoyed teaching. However, six of the assaults

came after the school gave Keeton a final written warning for kissing a girl on the lips after a lesson in 1992. He was charged with this assault after being suspended in July 1995 when the other incidents came to light.

One of the girls wept as she told the court how Keeton

persistently touched her indecently, saying: "I don't know why I like you so much." She told the jury: "At first i thought I could handle it by ignoring him. But eventually e really frightened me."

Keeton's wife, Bernadette, watched from the public gallery as the judge said that the case was a "multifold tragedy"

for all concerned. Mike Willis, director of education and leisure in Oldham, yesterday said that he was completely satisfied that the school governors worked "correctly and sensitively" in handling the allegations. The school, working in conjunction with the local authority. moved swifty to protect the welfare of pupils as soon as the allegations were made

against him." He said Keeton was given a final written warning rather than the sack in 1992 because there was only a single allegation of indecent behaviour.



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## Gummer unveils strategy to deliver clean air by 2005

BRITAIN'S air will be fit to breathe by 2005, according to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, who unveils Europe's first national air quality strategy today.

Targets have been set to reduce eight hazardous pollutants produced by cars and lorries but also by industry. agriculture, power stations and other sources such as dry cleaners. The strategy is designed to calm public and medical experts' fears that the rise in transport fumes is at least partly to blame for rises in asthma and thousands of premature deaths during winter and summer smogs.

Clean air campaigners and environmentalists said vesterday that they feared the Government was relying too much on technical improvements by the motor and petroleum industries to deliver cleaner engines and fuels. The eight pollutants were selected mainly on health standards recommended by the Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards, chaired by Professor Anthony Seaton of Aberdeen University

In 1994, the proposed limits for nitrogen dioxide (see not proving as effective as

in Manchester on L2 days and in Sheffield on ten. The pro-posed limits for ozone were exceeded in Cardiff on 29 days and Birmingham on 26, and those for particles were exceeded in London on 43 days, Liverpool on 51 days, and

Belfast on 40.

New powers under last year's Environment Act. including pedestrianising streets where furnes build up, are becoming available to local councils. Later this year guidelines will be published the Department of the Environment setting out which of these anti-pollution powers will be permitted to

curb local hot spots. Tim Brown of the National Society for Clean Air, which represents local authorities and clean air researchers, said yesterday: "Some of their profections on how levels of pollutants will fall are suspect. They are based on potentially false assumptions about how much technology will deliver."

He said there was evidence

that catalytic converters on vehicle exhausts, designed to reduce nitrogen dioxide, were

government planners had believed.

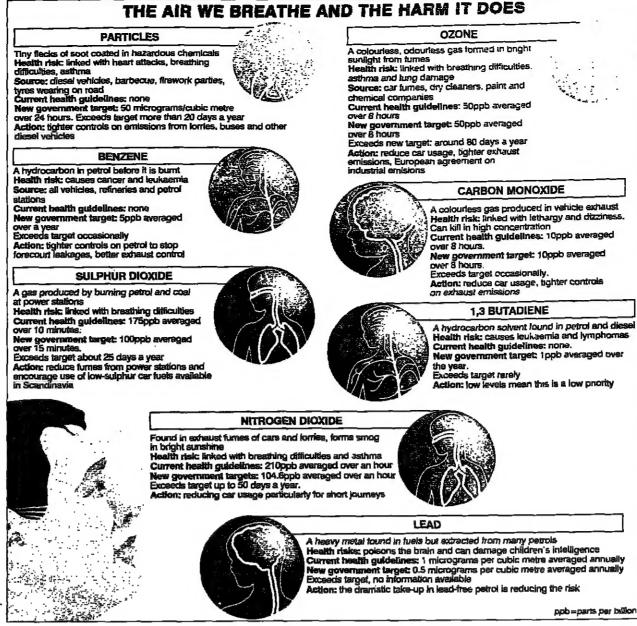
Mr Brown said the only credible way to tackle rising vehicle fumes was to increase the costs of motoring by

These are tough and politically sensitive decisions. But unless they are taken we may well find in 2005 that we are still not meeting the targets and that the whole strategy has been a well-meaning public relations excercise," he

Tony Bosworth, of Friends of the Earth, said yesterday that for some of the eight pollutants the government had included get-out clauses meaning that levels can exceed the health standard for a part of the year. The government may also relax standards if a review, planned for 1999, shows that the costs of of the new limits are too high.

"This cost-benefit analysis essentially puts the British economy before public health. Clean air is a right which should not be subject to this kind of economic test," said Mr Bosworth.

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## Barbecues raise risk of summer pollution

By NICK NUTTALL

THE success of the Government's clampdown on eight air pollutants will depend on changes in lifestyles, economic activity and the weather.

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Putting fewer but bigger lorries on the road and forcing them to burn cleaner fuels may help to reduce some fumes. But to protect children strapped into pushchairs by busy roads, it is the way the exhausts are angled into their faces that needs reconsidering.

Less hazardous fuels are being developed, but diesel provides a cautionary example. It was introduced as a cleaner fuel but has since been linked with thousands of premature deaths after the discovery of the health hazards of the sooty particles produced in the fumes.

In setting the limit for particulates, the Government has recognised that at certain times of the year it will be difficult to reach. Around Guy Fawkes night bonfires lace the air with these deadly flecks. Barbecues increase their concentration in the summer.

Hydrocarbons, chemicals such as solvents and cleaning fluids which contribute to summer-time smog, percolate from factories, refineries, petrol stations and dry cleaners. The growth in DIY painting

## Asthma treatment costing NHS £410m

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was accused yesterday of failing to tackle the sharp increase in asthma, which is putting an

increasing burden on the NHS. The Liberal Democrats say that new figures show the cost of NHS prescriptions for asthma has risen 67 per cent in six years, from £245 million in 1990 to £410 million in 1995, equivalent to £8.60 for every man, woman and child. Prescriptions for asthma have risen from 19 million to 34 million since 1985. The figures, obtained in a written

cess, were released yesterday in advance of the Government announcement on new pollution controls. Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat health spokesman, said money was being spent on treating the consequences instead of the causes and accused ministers of dragging their feet. "The cost of not taking action is rapidly becoming higher than the cost of the action we need to take."

Mr Hughes said a two-pronged strategy to cut traffic pollution and reduce smoking was required. "We must reduce vehicle journeys and

reduce pollution from vehicles. If we have more public transport, the numbers polluting the roads will be less. About half of asthma sufferers also find their asthma is made worse by smoking. I am not saying pollution causes asthma - no one knows the cause and we need more research but it is medically accepted that pollution triggers asthma symptoms."

The complex relationship between pollution and asthma was illustrated by regional tables provided by the Liberal Democrats that showed smogbound London has the lowest per capita spend on anti-asthma drugs. The amount spent on asthma drugs in Croydon, south London — £5.80 a head is half that spent in Gloucestershire, Warwickshire and the Isle of Wight,

which all have a figure over £10. The National Asthma Campaign said research showed asthma levels in rural areas were as high as in cities. A spokeswoman said: "There is certainly more to asthma than pollution. We eat more processed foods and live in centrally-heated, carpeted, closeted homes. We spend 90 per cent of our time indoors and indoor pollution by agents such as house dust mites is now under the microscope."

## Curbing traffic fumes is no easy cure for epidemic

THE spokesman for the National Asthma Campaign is adamant: "It is wrong to imply that asthma is caused by air pollution: although pollution certainly exacerbates its symptoms in people who already suffer from it. There is, however, some evidence of a modest relationship between local traffic density and the prevalence of

The truth is that, as in so many aspects of medicine, the doctors don't know all the answers. It is a mystery why there is an epidemic of asthma, and why the number of children who suffer from it has doubled since the 1970s.

if we put children who are troubled with asthma into a smoky, grimy, exhaust-ridden atmosphere, any cough of wheeze will be made worse. and we also know that this environment can induce an attack in somebody who is vulnerable to asthma but whose symptoms were previ-

In Britain the relationship between traffic pollution and asthma is uncertain, for research has shown that the ncidence of asthma among **VL**EDICAL BRIEFING gested between the rise in

of Skye is much the same as it is in some of our inner cities, It is not known why. Other aspects of modern living must be considered:

suspicion has been cast on the comforts provided by the warm centrally heated house with wall-to-wall carpeting, the perfect haven for the microscopic house mite, a potent trigger, possibly even a cause, of asthma, However take away decent heating and upper respiratory infections, coughs and colds become more of a menace, for they too can precipitate an attack of

The relationship of stress to asthma is also ill-defined. It is all too easy to relate a severe attack of asthma to a blazing family row, but what about recurrent minor attacks of wheezing? Could they be caused by family tensions stemming from modern life? A link has even been sug-

working mothers and asthma. Is a relaxed, united home life as good a defence against asthma as freedom from car

Whatever the causes, asthma needs much more re-search. A British Lung Foundation study published this year showed that between 30 to 50 percent of the underfives in the United Kingdom

Asthma is too serious and too complex a problem to be used as an easy weapon in any war between car owners and the green movement. Nobody denies that pollution must be reduced to ease the life of those who have asthma. but a greater need is to find out why they developed it in

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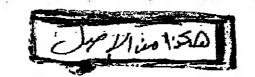
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# Wife takes graphic revenge on firm that fired husband

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A DIAMOND sorter dis-missed after being wrongly accused of theft had his revenge vesterday when his wife stood outside De Beers' London headquarters with a huge poster of her husband in a graduation gown emblazoned with the words "Here's justice. De Beers!"

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Cheryl Newby chose the day when buyers come from around the world to reveal that her husband, Neil, 49, inspired by his legal battles with the company, had graduated in law last month, 45

years after he was sacked. Mr Newby had worked for De Beers for 25 years when he was accused of stealing two diamonds from the sorting floor. Although no evidence was offered against him, the company, whose London office handles 85 per cent of the -,world's rough diamonds. refused to re-employ him.

He nearly lost his house and his health in a three-year fight

to clear his name. Mrs Newby

said that her gesture had been well-supported: "People from the company: passers-by and merchants coming to view the diamonds have all come up to ask me what it's all about When I tell them, they have all said good on us.

Some workers have been too scared to be seen coming up to the van but have given me thumbs-up signs from the side of the road or from their windows. I wanted to show them there was life after De Beers.

In Maidenhead, Berkshire, where the couple live with their two children, Mr Newby said that his dealings with De Beers had nearly broken him. He said that he had been arrrested and dismissed within hours, with no opportunity to defend himself.

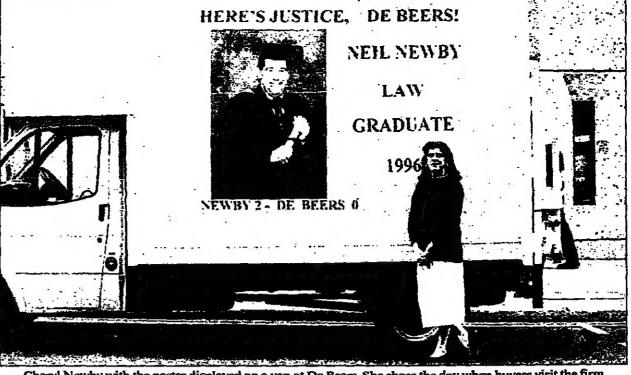
He worked as a quality controller in the diamond sorting department and had travelled the world with the

company, spending time in Botswana, South Africa, Zaire and Belgium.

"One morning in January 1992. I arrived at work and was immediately arrested for stealing diamonds. I was given no chance to explain or defend myself," he said. Only a week earlier he had been sent a letter about his forthcoming 25 years' service, telling him that he was entitled to a gift worth £500.

After questioning, Mr Newby was released on bail and immediately dismissed from the company. The case came before Clerkenwell magistrates in February 1992, but all charges were dropped after Crown offered no

"I was taken back on at De Beers under suspension and subjected to further investigations, then I was dismissed again in May 1992. I was told that they had conducted a thorough investigation and



Cheryl Newby with the poster displayed on a van at De Beers. She chose the day when buyers visit the firm little man against the giant,

they still had reason to believe I was guilty of theft of a diamond," he said.

"I felt that after all the years had given them they were quite happy to destroy the lives of an innocent man and his family rather than back down. I decided there was nothing else I could do other than fight. I had developed a stammer, I was close to a

nervous breakdown and was close to losing everything I had worked for."

Mr Newby said that De Beers called in his company mortgage the day after he was dismissed. When his solicitor objected, they raised the interest rates from the favourable company rates. "My mother mortgage. Without her and

the rest of my family's financial support, we would have lost the house and gone under, As it is we still have huge

Mr Newby took De Beers to a tribunal, claiming unfair dismissal. Two years later, the panel found in his favour and he was awarded £10,500 compensation with half his costs. "It was the classic case of the

and in many ways I haven't won. We are still in debt and I have had to battle to rebuild my life," Mr Newby said. "My wife and I just wanted to show people that the big guys don't always break you.

A spokesman for De Beers said: "Neil Newby used to work for us. He does not work

## Internet groom has child-sex conviction

By Shirley English

A MAN who wooed his American bride over the Internet is a convicted child-sex offender. Adrian Philpott married Cindy Irish. a mother-of-four from Connecticut, in Aberdeen on Monday, just three days after the couple met for the first time.

Mr Philpott's conviction has placed a question mark over their plans to set up home together in the United States. He was sentenced to three years in prison at Exeter Crown Court in June 1990 for sexual intercourse with a girl. The newlyweds had

planned to fly to the US after a week in the Highlands. However, a spokeswoman at the an Consulate said: Anyone convicted of a criminal offence of moral turpitude is ineligible for a visa." He would have to apply for a waiver, which could take more

At the wedding reception Mr Philpott, 42, said that his bride was aware of the offence and had forgiven him. He added that he had found God in prison. "It happened at a time of great stress in my life and I had an affair with a young girl." he said. His bride, a widow, has children

## Hunt for missing children extended

By Stephen Farrell

THE parents of two children missing on a Norfolk beach were last night reconciling themselves to the thought that they may never see them

again, police said. Hopes faded of finding alive Jodi Loughlin. 6, and her brother Tom, 4, after the police search entered a third day. The search is to be extended today two miles inland from Holme next the Sea and Ringstead, with a helicopter using thermal-imaging cameras.

Fears are growing that the children were swept out to sea after excitedly running into the surf at the start of their holiday on Sunday. Coast-guards said yesterday that the bodies of the children may

never be found. Superintendent John Hale paid tribute to the fortitude of the parents, Kevin Loughlin, 37, and Lynette Thornton, 37, from Norwood, south London.

They are really hit by the reality of the situation. They ing," he said. "They have held up with tremendous fortitude but there is only so much people can take and they are clearly suffering. They didn't even have a chance to say goodbye."

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## Court backs residents in fight against bail hostel

OPPONENTS of development in residential areas claimed a victory yesterday when a judge ruled that planners could be expected to take fear into account as a factor in the quality of life.

Residents had opposed the expansion of a bail hostel in Aldridge, West Midlands. Their success in the High Court in London was attacked as a victory for the so-called Nimby tendency — not in our back yard" — enabling a wider argument to block hos-tels or even affordable housing from the more pleasant

The West Midlands probation committee had appealed against a decision by planners not to allow the hostel to increase its occupancy from 12 to 20. Expansion had been refused on the basis of reports from residents, many of them elderly, that there had been incidents of loutish and drunken behaviour and an increase in crime.

The hostel is next door to a home for 80 elderly people. A quarter of the the local popula-

Deputy Judge Robin Pur-chas said: "I believe that many members of the public would be surprised, and would feel that something was wrong, if fear in a community was not capable in an appropriate case of being lawfully considered in determining whether or not development should proceed. It is a truism that residential areas may differ. Villages will differ from towns. Suburbs may differ from residential developments within urban centres.

"In this case the inspector concluded on the evidence that this residential development would suffer particular detriment as a result of apprehension and fear, due to the contrasting lifestyles of those likely to occupy the hostel and

Sheila Healy, director of environment at Walsall council. said: "This is something of ing it.

We are pleased that the court has sided with us. We feel that crime and the fear of crime are important in people's lives in terms of where they live, and it is important that their views

are considered valid." The council turned down the planning application in January 1995. Its decision was upheld by a government in-spector after a public inquiry when he agreed that the grounds for refusal were allowed under existing planning law. The probation service ar-

gued that the council was in breach of planning rules by giving in to "subjective and unsubstantiated fears" that an increase in numbers would lead to an increase in crime. Barrie Bridgman, the West Midlands assistant chief probation officer, had condemned the inspector's decision as a dangerous precedent. He said it could have "a disastrous impact on the possibility of opening hostels anywhere in the country for defendants, offenders or any other class of citizen that people take

Robert Griffiths, QC, for the probation committee, said that, if the planning inspector was right, then the result could be a countrywide ban on bail hostels, or even affordable housing, from "nice" residential areas.

Residents had complained about confrontations with hostel occupants, several robberies and car break-ins. They said that the inmates fought with each other, bared their buttocks at a bedroom window and smashed milk bottles in driveways. The residents also said that they had little faith in the people who were running the hostel.

The inspector said in December 1995 that it was hard to imagine a more incongruous juxtaposition than that between the bail hostel and the "neat" housing estate adjoin-



The 12th-century casket believed to have held a relic of St Thomas à Becket went on public display at the Victoria & Albert Museum yesterday after being saved from export by an appeal led by the National Art Collections Fund. It is regarded as the finest surviving example of its kind, with decoration chronicling Becket's martyrdom and burial. It is on view in the museum's medieval treasury, near the main entrance

## Ramblers' criticise slow pace of millennium path clean-up

By RICHARD DUCE

A MILLENNIUM dream for every public footpath to be cleared is unlikely to be realised by the Government, according to figures released by the Ramblers' Association

yesterday.
The Countryside Commission, acting as agent for the Government, promised in 1987 that all 140,000 miles of public path and bridleway would be cleared by 2000. An estimated 40,000 miles of paths are still obstructed by barbed wire, crops or legal dispute, the Ramblers' Association said yesterday at the launch of its Free Your Paths

The campaign concentrates on six areas in which the association says that councils are not doing enough to meet more, Somerset; Harlow, Essex; Stafford; Cardiff; Hopton, west Yorkshire; and Gorebridge, Lothian. Councils have the power.

under the 1990 Rights of Way Act, to fine farmers and landowners up to £1,000 for failing to comply with orders to clear paths. Kate Ashbrook, chairman of the Ramblers' Association, which has 116,000 members, said: "Parliament has given county councils and unitary authorities the duty to enforce the law: they have been appointed as the police-men of the paths. But too often they fall asleep on the job." Tony Goverd, of the associa-

tion's Somerset branch, said that half of the 110 paths in Wedmore were obstructed when surveyed five years ago and there were only two have been 200, "We reported all this to Somerset County Council and Sedgemoor Dis-trict Council, which is employed by the county as its agent. Most of the paths are still obstructed. In Sedgemoor they reckon that it will be another 40 years before all the paths are signposted and 70 years before the footpath sur-

faces are put in good order."
The Countryside Commission accepted that the 2000 target could be optimistic but said that the number of paths now fully open to the public was nearly 75 per cent. Richard Simmons, the commission's chairman, said that there had been a huge improvement in recent years, but added: "We have to be realistic and appreciate that local authorities have other priorities signposts where there should in these times of reduced public spending."

## Thinking about sex can overcome pain

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THINKING about sex or other positive things can halve the sensation of pain, according to an experiment in the United States. Thinking negatively, however, makes it worse.

The experiment was carried out by Dr Peter Staats, Director of Pain Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. With colleagues from the University of Wisconsin, he persuaded 72 people to hold their hands in iced water for as long as they could bear while thinking either positive

or negative thoughts. The volunteers were also assessed for their anxiety about pain in a written test. The results showed that those who were fearful removed their hands from the iced water much sooner than others, but the pain tolerance of both groups was increased by

positive thinking. These findings support our belief that most pain involves both a biological cause and the emotional response to it, and that treatment should address both factors," Dr Staats told the Eighth World Congress on

Pain in Vancouver. He told volunteers in the positive group that iced water made wounds heal more quickly, improved blood flow, strengthened fingernail beds and had other medical benefits. He asked them to repeat words such as "honesty"

"health" or "sex". The negative group was told that iced water was harmful, and repeated words such as "dishonesty", "sickness", "filth" and "sexual abstinence". They perceived pain hands out twice as quickly.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

## **Inspectors** find fault at blood bank

A blood bank has been given a month to reculy "unacceptable" lapses in procedure found by government inspectors. The faults at the East Anglia Blood Centre, based at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, were discovered during a routine visit by inspectors from the Medicines Control Agency. The agency and the National Blood Authority, which runs the blood service, insisted yesterday that the problems were not serious and that there was no risk to health.

#### Cancer concern

Older women are not being screened for breast cancer despite being at highest risk. Age Concern says. Although per cent of breast cancer deaths occur in over-65s, under 2 per cent are screened.

#### Waterless week

The town of Nenagh in Co Tipperary will be without mains water for a week because of suspected industriai pollution. Thousands of households are being supplied by road tankers.

#### Compass found

Divers from St Andrews University have found a compass in a Cromwellian warship sunk off Mull in 1653. Dr Colin Martin called the wreck "a unique time-capsule of the mid-17th century".

#### Malaria move

A Bristol-based law firm. Lawrence Tucketts, has been awarded a legal aid contract to fight for compensation for people who claim serious side-effects from the antimajarial drug Lariam.

#### Bull terrier shot

A bull terrier was shot dead by police after it went berserk 🧀 and bit its owner and her son in Warrington, Cheshire. The dog was a cross between a Staffordshire terrier and a pit bull terrier.

#### Chipper fish

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A goldfish has survived unscathed in a tank of 100 Centre in Scarborough. The goldfish is believed to have by a visitor as a prank.



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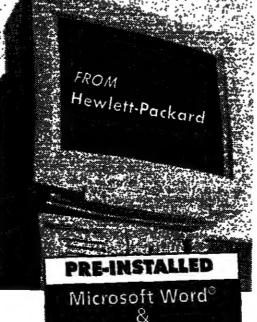
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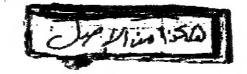






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## **HOME NEWS**

## Superbean leads shops into battle with gene scientists

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A NEW soya "superbean" could become the first battleground over the genetic modification of food, which offers enormous benefits but also worries some consumers.

Food manufacturers and retailers are divided about how to label food containing the new form of soya, which is expected to hit supermarket shelves this autumn.

The shops want labels saying it has been modified, while the manufacturers say this is impracticable and could be misleading. Potentially, a huge range of products could contain small amounts of soya flour or oil produced from genetically modified plants. They include breads, pastries, vegetable oil, salad dressings, margarine, sweets, cereals,

SEVERAL genetically modi-

fied foods preceded soya on to

British supermarket shelves.

The Co-op sells its own-brand

vegetarian cheese that is man-

ulactured by using a genetical-

ly modified enzyme called

chymosin. The Co-op was the

first supermarket group in

Britain to promise customers

that they would be told whenever genetic engineering was used, and although there is no

trace of the enzyme in the end

product, the cheese is labelled

as "produced using gene

Genetically modified foods

do not have to be labelled, and

some other vegetarian cheeses

made in the same way as the

Co-op's are sold without any

indication that genetic engi-

Both Safeway and Sains-

bury's sell tomato pureus

made from tomatoes modified

so that the enzyme that causes

the fruit to ripen and rot is

switched off, delaying soften-

ing. The supermarket com-

panies say that the use of the

genetically modified Flavr-

neering has been used.

**Modified foods** 

are here to stay

By ROBIN YOUNG

Savr tomatoes reduces waste

and gives a naturally thicker

Most of the crops that have

been approved for release and

commercial sale are in North

America. The first crop to be

cleared for sale in Europe was

a herbicide-tolerant tobacco

plant. This year the European

Union has approved a hybrid oilseed rape that will be grown

commercially in Europe, as

well as the herbicide-tolerant

soybean that will be grown in

America. No genetically engineered crops are yet grown commercially in Britain, but

food products already cleared

for use here include oil from

four different types of

Sometimes genetic engi-

neering has unexpected and

unwelcome results. When a

seed company genetically

modified soya beans by intro-

ducing a brazil nut protein to

improve the beans' quality as

animal feed, it was found that

people who were allergic to

brazil nuts were also allergic

to the new soya bean.

transgenic oilseed rape.

some drinks and meat prod-Roundup. The herbicide kills ucts, and chocolate. all green plants by blocking a Geraldine Schofield of the pathway for nutrients. The Food and Drink Federation substitute gene reopens the pathway, enabling the modi-fied plant — called Roundup says that two thirds of products on supermarket shelves Ready soya beans - to resist the herbicide. Farmers can contain soya products. Total world production is more than 120 million tons a year. spray their crops with Round-Most is grown in the United up, killing weeds but leaving States, which this year planted the soya unaffected. It should a genetically modified strain of the plant for the first time. It make the growing of soya beans easier, cheaper and more profitable. will be harvested next month

The beans produced will not be sold as beans, but in a and on the world market by The new plants, produced processed form as flour or oil. by Monsanto, contain an Professor Derek Burke, chairintroduced gene from a bacteman of the advisory committee on novel foods and processes, which has given rium which makes them resistant to the herbicide glyphoclearance to the new products, says that processing means no sate, sold in various forms to farmers and gardeners and trace of the gene, or the enzyme it produces, is present in the final product.

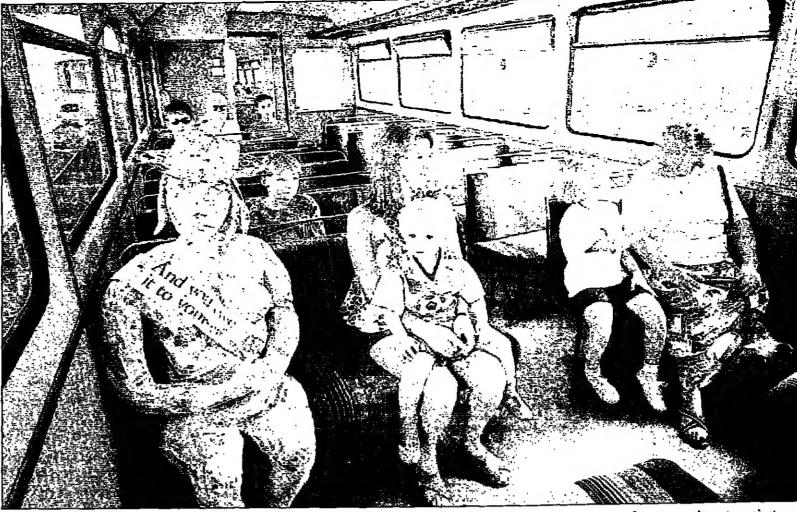
The flours produced by ordinary soya and the genetically modifed form are indistinguishable," he said

His committee recommended that the soya products could be sold without special labelling, advice accepted by ministers and repeated by the European Commission. But for earlier genetically modified foods such as the FlavrSavr tomato, sold as pastes and purées, the supermarkets have adopted infor-

mative labels. "Our preference is to label genetically modified products," a spokesman for Sainsbury's said. "We believe customers should have the right to choose."

A spokeswoman for the British Retail Consortium, which represents 90 per cent of the industry, says that it wants consumers to be able to make an informed choice. Some of our members have contacted the manufacturers to insist that the genetically modified soya must be identified on the label."

But John Ward, of the federation, said: "Having such a label implies there is a difference in the product, when there isn't. You couldn't enforce or monitor the labels. because there is no determinable difference."



The dummy you don't mind sitting beside you: the papier maché models will ride trains to Bridlington as part of a community arts project

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SILENT rail passengers who never complain about delays. ask the way to the buffet or try to strike up conversation are to make an appearance on a

The "passengers", life-sized papier mâché dummies, are to be placed on trains be-

The model railway passenger

as part of a community arts families who came to project. Others will stand or sit at station platforms. The dummies will ride on the trains from the end of

They will be made in a disused parcel office at Bridlington station. Passennext mouth. Some will be gers, tourists and local dressed in period costumes

people will be encouraged to help to construct them.

Shirley Hester, of the Bridlington for their bolimental bealth charity days earlier this century. MIND, which is involved in the project said: "We hope that people living all along the line will come to help us

with the sculptures and even people on holiday for a few days would like to try their hand at making an arm or a foot. We hope it will liven up the station and add to the

interest of the journey." Ken Bray, a spokesman for Regional Railways North East, said: "The models will always be accompanied by

## Thousands of grouse crash to death on deer fences

By JOHN VINCENT

THE black grouse shooting season opened yesterday with a warning that the gamebirds' survival is threatened by fences protecting young trees from deer. Their rarer and more magnificent cousin, the capercaillie, is even more seriously affected by the tall wire fences and now faces possible

Studies by the British Trust for Ornithology show that the area inhabited by black

grouse has shrunk by 28 per cent over the past 25 years. Once common from Scotland to Surrey, black grouse bigger woodland cousins of the more plentiful moorland red grouse - have dwindled from hundreds of thousands last century to about 35,000. mostly in Scotland. The capercaillie's habitat has shrunk by 64 per cent over the same period and only about 10,000

Chris Mead, of the trust, estimates that 10,000 or more grouse are killed against deer fences each year, more than a fifth of the population. He said: "These wire fences are essential for protecting newly planted trees and areas for natural regeneration. But they are walls of death as far as black grouse and capercaillie are concerned.

"They fly fast and low and are equipped to blast their way through the outer branches of trees without damage. But strands of wire and wire netting are a different matter. Overgrazing of their upland habitat by sheep and deer also plays a part, but it has become clear that the fences are responsible for much of the nationwide decline."

Ian Collier, of the Forestry Authority, said: "The real problem is with the deer themselves. A reduction of their numbers to sensible levels would virtually eliminate the damage to young trees as there would be sufficient grazing left on plants the deer

prefer to satisfy them." Although listed as an enspecies, black dangered grouse are shot from August 12 until December 10. Some estates ban the shooting of black grouse and capercaillie. Both species have been shot for centuries and the capercaillie had to be reintroduced from Sweden 150 years ago after being hunted to extinc-

tion in about 1785.

after cold spring WASPS are making a late

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

Wasps fly in late

arrival, just as devotees of the picnic and the barbecue were enjoying one of the least tormented summers in living

The buzzing scourge of the al fresco meal had been noticeable by its absence, probably because of a cold, damp May which killed many of the queens. Reports of a sudden surge in numbers in parts of southern England over the past few days of hot sunshine est that some were simply delayed.

Last August pest controllers were being swamped with requests to destroy wasp nests in attics, garages and outhouses, but this summer business has been slack. Tony Stephens, public relations general manager at Rentokil. said: "This year call-outs have

been dramatically down." George Else, the Natural History Museum's chief hymenopterist — a specialist in bees and wasps — said: **4**. There have been fewer wasps and wasp nests than anyone can remember. The oueens emerged in reasonably good numbers from hibernation but were knocked out by conditions.

Britain is home to nine resident species of social wasp. They play a beneficial role by preying on pest insects and pollinating plants. Wasps will normally attack only to defend their nests or if an individual iecls threatened, according to Mr Else, who strongly advises against amateur attempts to destroy an active nest. Queens and their worker daughters can sting repeatedly.

New doubles

raised on en

Roger Key, an entomologist with English Nature, said: "It is possible that nest building and other activities were set back a month by the cold May. and that we will now see a sharp rise in the wasp population if more queens survived than we thought."

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## Dog owners warned after eagle escapes

By PAUL WILKINSON

FARMERS and pet owners have been told to be on their guard after the escape of a large Russian eagle. The handiers of Olga, a steppes eagle with a 6ft wingspan, believe it will be hungry after flying off

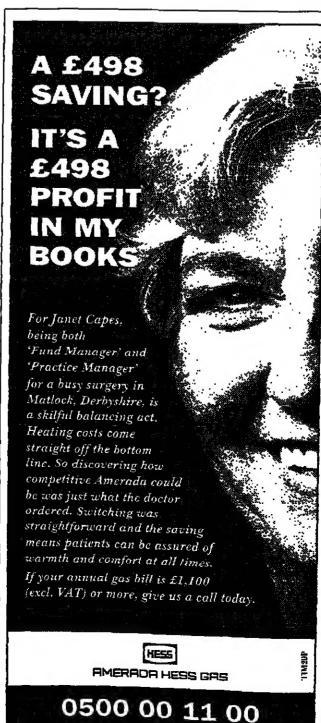
during a display on Sunday.

When she is hungry small dogs, in particular, could be at risk," said Stuart Pearce, head falconer at the UK Falconry Centre near Thirsk, North Yorkshire, where Olga is kept. He said that Goldie, the golden eagle that escaped from London Zoo in 1965, had attacked a cairn terrier, but that 16-year-old Olga, which is golden eagle, was not danger-

ous to human beings. It was lifted up to about 2.000ft by a thermal during the show on Sunday. Mr Pearce, 33, said that escaped birds could usually be tempted back by food, but the thermal had carried Olga further than normal and it would be enjoying the cool air thought that prevailing south-

erlies would carry it north, perhaps as far as Scotland. "It could be confused after spending hours thermal-hopping. We are anxious to receive sightings." Mr Pearce





NEWS IN BRIEF

**Officers** 

sacked in

Burundi

Bujumbura: Major Pierre Buyoya, Burundi's new Tursi leader, dismissed yesterday the three most powerful military officers in his ethnically ier divided country, his spokes- ed

Colonel Jean Bikomagu, the powerful army chief-of-staff and previous de facto head of in

state, Colonel Pascal Simban-

duko, the head of the gendar-merie, and Colonel Gedeon Fyiroko, head of the military

at the presidential palace,

were all replaced by fellow

Tutsis.
Despite Major Buyoya's assurances that he was opposed to any expulsions, hundreds of

Rwandan Hutu refugees fled

Burundi yesterday for their homeland. (Reuter)

Convert's haven

Robert Hussein, the Kuwaiti

Muslim who fears for his life

after being sentenced to death

for converting to Christianity,

has been given sanctuary in

America. He was forcibly divorced by an Islamic court.

Jakarta: Father Ignatius

Sandyawan, a Catholic priest,

has been charged with public-

ly showing hatred towards President Suharto following

the riots in Jakarta on July 27, his lawyer said. (Reuter)

Atlanta: Richard Jewell, the

Olympics bombing suspect,

passed a lie detector test in which he denied any involvement in the July 27 attack, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Lie test passed

Priest charged

man said.

## Human rights activist begs President Yeltsin to intervene to stop bloodshed

## Thousands flee Grozny before Russians attack

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THOUSANDS of desperate refugees flooded out of Grozny, the Chechen capital, yesterday in an attempt to escape the Russian military, which has vowed to launch a huge

harrage on the city tomorrow.

As human rights activists
and international aid agencies issued a warning of an impending catastrophe that could cost thousands of lives, a human tide of refugees deserted the devastated capital for the relative safety of surrounding areas.

The panic-striken flight was caused by General Konstantin Pulikovsky, the hardline commander of Russian forces in Chechenia, who yesterday ordered all civilians to leave the capital within 48 hours after which he would launch his assault.

"Grozny will without fail be cleared of rebel fighters," said the thickset general, who has been publicly humiliated over the past two weeks by the Chechen separatist victory

We do not intend to put up with brazen and barbaric actions of illegal groups which are continuing to shoot down helicopters, carry out bold acts of sabotage and surround Russian servicemen.

Although the commander

Gamid Gamidov, the Fi-nance Minister of the Russian north Cancasus republic of Dagestan, and three other people were killed yesterday when a car bomb exploded in the capital Makhachkala. Eight people were wounded. There was no immediate admission of responsibility. (AFP)

concluded a ceasefire agreement with the Chechen guerrillas only a few days ago, most of the citizens took seriously his latest threats to launch an anack.

"The whole city is on its way out," Nina Madayeva said. "We have been in a basement for 14 or 15 days and could not

stand it any more."

She was joined by entire families, many of whom were carrying what they could salvage from their homes as they left the city on foot. Those leaving included handicapped residents, one of whom was seen struggling to make it out on a dirt mad in his wheel-

About a quarter of the estimated 200,000 people left in the capital at the start of the recent fighting have now es-

caped. Many of those who remain are elderly Russians living in the city who are either too old or too poor to succeed in escuping.

Russian liberal politicians and international aid groups reacted furiously to the threat of a new assault and appealed to the authorities in Moscow and to international agencies to stop the bloodshed.

Sergei Kovalev, Russia's leading human rights activist, called on President Yeltsin to intervene in person to halt the attack and demanded that all the politicians and officers responsible for past bloodshed in the breakaway republic be

dismissed.
"It is impossible to win a partisan war," he said, "There is only one method to suppress it: to use scorched earth tacties. But this would be genocide, the mass destruction of the Chechens."

Merlin, the British medical charity whose relief workers are in Grozny, issued a warning that if the Russian offensive was allowed to go ahead, thousands of civilians would be killed.

"Grozny is facing a whole-sale slaughter of innocent civilians who are trapped in

he had no plans to leave the

intelligence agency, denying a report published last week in

The Washington Post that he

wanted to step down in

connected spy chief since Allen Dulles ran the CIA for Dwight

Eisenhower, he is seen as

being well on the way to

becoming more powerful even

than Bill Casey, the notorious-

ly influential director under

In a recent letter to Con-

gress, Mr Deutch said there

was "no reason" to replicate the CIA's network abroad. "Indeed." he said, "such a

presence would be counterpro-

confusing, duplicative and un-

dermine the ClA's foreign

ties". A greater FBI presence

foreign governments to play

one US government agency off

uing threats against America from abroad, including the

explosion at a barracks in

Saudi Arabia which killed 19

American servicemen in June

and the apparent bombing of TWA Flight 800.

In his recent report to Con-gress, Mr Freeh warned that

America could be under siege

by the millennium when inter-

national criminals might

smuggle chemical or biologi-

cal weapons into the country.

aged for far too long by foreign criminals originating in par-

against another.

Considered the most well



pher Besse, the charity's chief executive, said. "Last year's total destruction of Grozny. which cost 40,000 lives, is

threatening to repeat itself." Rendt Gorter, who drove a Merlin medical convoy into Grozny on Sunday, said that it was impossible for the population to leave because roads

**Troops** 

and bridges out of the city had been bombed and there was

He described how an old man who had suffered a stroke was evacuated at the weekend as his relations wept because they had no means to escape and feared they would never see him again.

"We found Galina Vasinova. a Russian born in Grozny. who had been shot in the throat while looking for water," the aid worker said. "We offered to take her out of the city, but she answered in a hoarse voice: There is no need, I have nowhere else to

Even the Russian-backed Chechen Government condemned the proposed military siege. Doku Zavgayev, the pro-Moscow Chechen leader, said that civilians had not been given enough time to unthinkable," he said in

## Mafia boss beaten up in jail By James Bone in New York

THE Godfather's image took a beating yesterday with a report that John "The Dap-per Don" Gotti, serving a life sentence for running Ameri-ca's largest mails family, was

beaten up by a black man he insulted in jail.

The Daily News, quoting law enforcement sources. said the mob chieftain was involved in a fight in a recreation area at the top-security prison in Marion. Illinois. Gotti's lawyer denied the report.

"It was a racial thing," one official said. "John mouthed off to a big black guy. The next day, the black clocked him. He beat him up pretty had, his face was all bloody. He needed some kind of medical attention."

Gotti, who once boasted that he liked jail "better than the streets", has spent 22 hours a day alone in his cell since being sentenced to life without parole on murder and racketeering charges in June 1992.



Gotti: attacked by black

## Actress finding Los Angeles: A post-mortem Hemingway, the actress granddaughter of Ernest

reported. (Reuter)

#### with an overdose of sedatives. Peking ducking

Hemingway, was expected to show that she killed herself

Peking: China's capital is sinking by up to 4 in a year because of excessive groundwater use, the Xinhua news agency said. The eastern suburbs have sunk 27.6 in in the past 40 years. (Reuter)

## New doubts raised over 'Dr Death'

JACK KEVORKIAN, the controversial "Dr Death" who has attended 35 suicides in America, is under renewed attack after the discovery that his latest patient had previously applied to be legally protected from her husband.

Judith Curren, 42, an overweight nurse from Pembroke. Massachusetts, killed herself with a lethal injection in Dr Kevorkian's presence last week. She apparently had

chronic fatigue syndrome.

The coroner found no evidence of disease and said Mrs Curren's tiredness could have been due to obesity or depression. He has yet to decide if her death was suicide. Since her death it has

emerged that Mrs Curren had repeatedly accused her psychiatrist husband of physical abuse. She took out a restraining order against him in 1993. Police were called to their home up to nine times this year and Franklin Curren, her husband, was charged with abusing her just three weeks before her death.

He says their arguments were over her planned suicide. I tried to talk her into feeling there was reason to continue," he said. Dr Kevorkian denies

## Spies' empire hits back against FBI expansion plans

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

December.

Ronald Reagan.

THE battle for control of the American intelligence community entered a new phase yesterday with FBI plans to almost double its overseas presence in the next four years and apparently leave CIA

agents out in the cold. Louis Freeh, the FBI direcwill open new offices in 23 cities, ranging from Singapore to Ankara, and raise its number of field agents from 70 to 129. The programme, expected to cost \$80 million (£52 million) and designed to counter a dramatic increase in

international terrorism. organised crime and drug smuggling, has been viewed as FBI empire building by members of the CIA, and most particularly John Deutch, its

Supported by the State Department, the CIA has said a heightened FBI presence will clash with its own work and detract from efforts to light domestic crime.

Although such concerns have been swept aside by the determination of both President Clinton and congressional Republicans to appear tough on crime and terrorism in an election year, the battle of the spymasters. Mr Freeh and Mr Deutch, has been

barely concealed.

After only 15 months at Langley, Mr Deutch is himself in the midst of one of the most impressive power plays ever seen in Washington. His goal has been to consolidate personal control over the entire intelligence community, consisting of no fewer than 28 separate and often feuding agencies before returning to the Pentagon as Defence Secretary in a second Clinton Administration. However, Mr

## end Seoul student protest By NICHOLAS LONG Deutch said yesterday that

IN SEOUL AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS helicopters sprayed teargas overhead, South Korean froops yesterday stormed a university to end a nine-day occupation by students.

The troops broke through a confire of desks and chairs blocking the entrance of a teaching block and after a battle flushed out about 1,000 students, mostly About 1,000 students be-

sieged in another block fied into alleys and hills surrounding the Yonsei University campus where they were tracked down. They had earlier threatened to explode gas canisters and dangerous chemicals.

ductive because it would be in all 3,225 students were arrested, bringing the total held in a week of agitation at the university to around 5,500. overseas, he said, would allow Prosecutors said they would detain militant leaders of the protest but would show lenien-The CIA director, however, has been thwarted by contin-

towards

"simple

participants". The confrontation had prompted a nationwide hunt for the leaders of Hanchongryon, the student federation which organised the demonstration in favour of Korean

unification. The authorities' crackdown after students had attempted to march to the border with North Korea was followed by eight days of clashes. The police did not use firearms during the protest although they have now been authorised to do so.

or plot to bomb cities. The United States has been rav-Criticism of police tactics have come from various quarters in the past few days. At the tial or complete sanctuaries abroad," said Mr Freeh, who weekend a delegation of university professors had asked the police to let the students has also proposed new offices in the emerging democracies of eastern Europe.

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## How to 'pull on' in Indian English

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

HAVE you just had a lot of botherati from an ultra which has left you needing a Patiala peg of snake-juice?
This is Indian English, a language

drifting happily off by itself in syntax, vocabulary and style, and it has come of age as a supplement in the latest edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary. Here we learn that thickes are not fleeing, they are absconding, that taking somebody's arse is to make a fool of him and that babu English is flowery language.

A backbencher is not an MP but a lazy student the backhouse is where servants live, backside is the rear of a building, Bollywood is the Hindi film industry and botheration is in common usage in the form: "I am sorry to have put you to this hotherati, sahib".

Cherry merry is a gift of money, chup is an order to be quiet and a competition-wallah is somebody trying to enter the Indian Civil Service, for which the competition is stiff. A cousin brother or compension is accusin of approximate-

ly one's own age. A fast passenger is an express train. White people are feringhees. A fooding and lodging is a small hotel, a foreign-returned is some-body who has studied abroad and to left and right is to shout loudly. A military meal is one that is not vegetarian, just as a military hotel is one that serves meat. A Patiala peg is a stiff measure of drink, slightly more

A European with a reputation for omanising is a poodle-faker. To pull is to progress in life ("How are you pulling on these days?" "Oh. pulling on, I suppose.") A rice-Christian is one who converted for material advantage, that is, food. Shirting is material for shirts. as suiting is for suits (thus the sign above tailors' shops: Shirtings and suitings for men) Illegally distilled liquor is snake-juice, speed money is a bribe to ensure quick service, a talkiehouse is a cinema, to tele-tease is to make offensive telephone calls. Some-

than a double.

someone with extreme views, a wheatish complexion is light brown and a writer is anybody employed in an

Using one's jack is to use unfair help to achieve something. Yaar is a meaningless but ubiquitous word added at the end of a sentence, as in "Let's go for a drink, yaar!". Gazetted holidays are officially notified by the Government. A four-twenty is a cheat, from Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code, which deals

with the crime of cheating.

Indira Chowdhury Sengupta, of
Jadavpur University. Calcutta, says in a preface to the Indian English supplement that English is still the most important language of education in India and that Indian English has acquired a distinct stock of new words and usages. Schools, colleges and publishing houses in India. however. still take standard English as their model, "and for this reason many words and usages in Indian English thing inferior is third-class, an ultra is are often regarded as unacceptable".



## Businessman is fourth to be charged as fears increase of international ring

## Belgian police link child sex victims to trade with East

From Roger Boyes in charlero

BELGIAN police are investigating the possibility of a major East-West link in the European child sex business after charging a fourth suspected member of a paedo-

phile ring. Jean-Michel Nihoul, a Brussels businessman, was hustled into a court yesterday to be charged with criminal association with Marc Dutroux, who has already led police to the bodies of two eight-year-Cold girls and another suspect-

Suspects are being moved around various courts in the area to keep them safe from

The defence team for Nihoul, who denies any connection with a paedophilia

Dutroux's second wife, Miu chelle Martin, has been to charged with being an accom-to plice in the unlawful abduction and illegal imprisonment

Many clues suggest that the Belgian paedophilia scandal is part of an international h businessman living in Bel-q gium has been held for questioning bolstering press speculation that Dutch pornography groups have been spilling over the border.

But the most intriguing lead comes from the confession by Dutroux — a convicted child rapist — that he abducted two teenage girls in Ostend last

The girls, 19-year-old Eefje Lambrecks and 17-year-old An Marchal, were seen talking to a Czech girl in the port shortly before they were snatched. One theory, partly supported

by Dutroux's confession, is that the girls were sold into a pornography and prostitution ring operating from Prague. Czech police say there is no

The abduction of Western girls eastwards would run counter to the trend of the past five years, which has seen hundreds of Central and East European girls being sold to Western brothels and nightclubs. But the paedophilia business is more complex than prostitution rackets: adult women, who can work hard as

prostitutes, are sometimes traded for abducted children. Leads are being followed up in Germany, The Netherlands and France. Britain has been asked for technical help, in echniques used to detect buried bodies in the murder inquiry involving Fred and

The search for an interna-tional connection partly re-flects a Belgian reluctance to accept that such crimes can be committed by Belgians on their own children. But it is also in the nature of organised paedophilia to move across frontiers and exploit differences in the law. "They are very efficient in

last December.

he sense that they make the best use of new technical possibilities such as the Internet," Raymond Kendall, Secretary-General of Interpol, said yesterday. "In many cases, national legislation did not foresee the effects of the Internet and lags behind."

advice on the structure of

The Belgian police, for the

their information on 15 child-

ren who have disappeared

over the past six years. Seven of those are known to have

There seems to be no indication that Britain is involved in

this apparent paedophilia web, although Belgian police

have been alert to a possible

British connection since the arrest last year of John Stam-

ford. He was head of the Spartacus International Paed-

ophile Group and died during

nis trial before a Belgian court

Belgian contacts with the

German Bureau of Criminal investigation confirm the pos-

sible involvement of Russian

paedophilia gangs

Dutroux, who is charged with kidnapping and illegal imprisonment of children, owns II houses. Yet he was an unemployed electrician with no legal source of income,



## Spotlight on world paedophile network

vast sums exploiting their perversion is to come under rare public scrutiny next week at an international conference in Stockholm.

Coming amid the revulsion sparked by the hunt for victims of a paedophile gang in Belgium, the World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploita-tion of Children will spotlight an evil which has flourished with the collapse of communism, the spread of Aids and access to new technology such as the Internet. The trade in child sex is thought to involve more than I million children worldwide.

The conference will be opened next Tuesday by Queen Silvia of Sweden who recently made a rare outburst on television against the laws dealing with sex offences. The Queen, who is patron of next week's gathering, rebuked Swedish politicians for not

Revulsion at paedophile gangs will find expression at a world forum in Stockholm next week, writes Eve-Ann Prentice. Queen Silvia of Sweden, the forum's patron, calls child sex 'torture of the worst kind'

taking firm enough action and called for the name and photograph of anyone who sexually abused a child to be published throughout Sweden. She said she had seen some pornographic films involving children and was devastated by the images, saying all politicians should watch these films to make them act. "It is the worst thing I have ever seen," the Queen said. "It is torture of the worst kind."

The forum is likely to call on governments to pass legislation allow-ing for tourists who commit child sex offences abroad to be tried in their

home countries. Only 12 countries -Britain is not one of them - currently allow this, although Britain is expect-

ed to pass such a law in the autumn. The gathering is the brainchild of the organisation End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism, supported by the Swedish Government and the United Nations Children's Fund.

According to conference organisers, the Internet has played its part in the expansion of the sex trade. "With nearly 30 million users, it makes pornography potentially accessible to

sharpened in the past few years with a series of reports on youngsters being exploited while in the care of social services. Interpol has also been investigating for some time Europe-wide paedophile networks, especially in France and Switzerland.

The organisers of the Stockholm conference hope that delegates will adopt an action plan which will include asking governments to:

Make money available to combat the sexual exploitation of children and place a high priority on easing the problem:

Promote closer co-operation be-

tween groups and promote family life to prevent children falling prey to prostitution and other forms of sexual abuse in the first place; and ☐ Give children immunity from pros

## Two years in jail for Clinton's ex-partner

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON had that could derail his electoral future yesterday when a former partner in Whitewater was sentenced to two years in

Susan McDougal, one of three former Clinton associates convicted of fraud and conspiracy in May, had been found guilty on four charges relating to a fraudulent \$300,000 (£193,500) business loan she received in 1986.

The prosecution alleged that Mr Clinton put pressure on an Arkansas banker to grant the loan, a claim the President has denied under oath.

The sentence, which included an order to make restitution of the \$300,000, plus interest, to the United States Small Business Administration, sent shockwaves through the White House.

Like McDougal, officials in Washington expected a lenient sentence after the sentencing on Monday of Jim Guy Tucker, Mr Clinton's successor as Arkansas Governor. Mr Tucker was ordered to serve four years' probation after his lawyer argued that the former governor was suffering from a liver complaint.

Yesterday's sentence was seen as a boost for Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor investigating events surrounding the Whitewater land development venture.

The prosecution is eager to establish whether the Clintons participated in illegal diversion of funds from the Madison Guaranty bank to

## Powell fuels speculation over cabinet post with surprise campaign trip

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

COLIN POWELL unexpectedly joined Bob Dole on the campaign trail for the first time yesterday amid renewed speculation that he would be Secretary of State in a Dole administration

General Powell. America's most popular public figure. accompanied Mr Dole on a trip to address military veterans in Kentucky just hours after Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, told Republican volunteers in his Georgia district that "Colin has already indicated he'd accept" the post.

The Gulf War hero insisted that he had been offered a post but had accepted nothing. He did not, however, rule out the possibility. "Anything's open, but right now the more important thing is to get the Republican team elected," he said. Several Dole advisers are

known to be keen to strengthen their candidate's electoral appeal by announcing before November's election that General Powell would be part of a Dole cabinet. Mr Dole's campaign en-

joyed another two boosts yesterday. He was handed a potent new campaign issue by a government report revealing a dramatic rise in teenage drug use since President Clinton took office, and three new polls confirmed a major erosion of Mr Clinton's lead following the meticulously stage-managed Republican

convention. The Health Department's report on drug abuse showed a 78 per cent rise in the use of illegal drugs by 12 to 17-yearolds since 1992. Use of LSD rose 54 per cent, cocaine 166

per cent and marijuana 37 per cent. A second report showed a 58 per cent increase in emergency hospital admissions for heroin use and 19 per cent for cocaine. Levels of adult drug abuse were unchanged.

The report was an obvious embarrassment to Mr Clinton on an issue of great public concern. He has pared federal drug-fighting programmes since taking office. Last month the White House admitted employing 21 people whose background checks showed

recent or extensive drug use. Addressing last week's convention Mr Dole painted a bleak portrait of an America ravaged by crime, drugs and family breakdown. He blamed the Clintons' permissive baby-boomer generation and offered himself as a "bridge" back to an age of

stronger values. Polls for The New York Times, USA Today and ABC television showed Mr Dole trailing Mr Clinton by II. seven and four percentage

Miami: A tit-for-tat diplomatic dispute between Washington and Havana has left two diplomats packing their bags and increased tension between the two countries (David Adams writes). Cuba has ordered the expulsion of Robin Mever, a US diplomat, who monitored human rights affairs at the US Interests Section in Havana. In response Washington gave José Ponce, a senior diplomat, a week to leave the country.

points respectively. In each case, Mr Dole had at least convention lead. Ross Perot, who officially joined the race on Sunday, attracted between per cent and II per cent

support.

A Dole campaign spokesman claimed the trend was powerfully in the direction of Bob Dole, Jack Kemp and taxpayers who want a 15 per cent tax cut".

George Stephanopoulos, a top White House adviser, dismissed Mr Dole's advance as "the standard cotton-candy bounce" all candidates enjoy immediately after conventions, and Democrats claimed it would vanish when their convention opens in Chicago on Monday. The New York Times poll

also revealed considerable

public scepticism towards the

centrepiece of Mr Dole's campaign - his promise to cut taxes by \$548 billion over the next six years while simulta-neously balancing the budget. While 61 per cent favoured tax cuts in principle, only 38 per cent believed Mr Dole would actually deliver them, 53 per cent said balancing the budget while cutting taxes was impossible, and just 22 per

cent wanted lower taxes if that meant higher federal deficits. speech to accuse Mr Clinton of devastating cuts in military spending. Mr Clinton meanwhile signed legislation that would benefit ten million Americans by raising the minimum hourly wage by 90 cents to \$5.15 (£3.30) over the



Murdered TV boss, Richard Diack, with his wife Emelia

## Scot's widow fails to suppress diary

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

dered in Australia in 1992 failed yesterday to stop publication of a diary which described their deteriorating

relationship.
Emelia Bresciani, whose husband Richard Diack was beaten to death in the Blue Mountains near Sydney, had been greatly distressed by the diary's contents, Peter Bodor, her lawyer, told an inquest.

But the coronor, Phil Molan, rejected an application to restrict publication of the diary, found on a computer disc after Diack's death. The Scot, who was 41 and

had family in Edinburgh. moved to Australia in the 1970s. He was human resources manager at SBS, Australia's multicultural TV station, where he met Ms Bresciani, Diack married the Peruvian-born journalist, a presenter for the station, in January 1992. But eight

victim of an assault while walking in the Blue Mountains. Robbery did not appear to be the prime motive because a valuable watch was still on his wrist when the body was found the next day. Detective Sergeant Graeme Merkel, who headed the in-

possible motive was Ms Bresciani." But he added: "There is no direct evidence to show any involvement in his death." Sergeant Merkel said Ms Bresciani, 37, was in Sydney on the day of the murder.

quiry, told the inquest: "The

only person identified with a

The officer said that Diack. who had property in Melbourne and Sydney as well as a £150,000 pension entitlement, had clearly been intending to leave his wife shortly before his death.

was erased by Ms Bresciani after an SBS employee gave it to her, but it was retrieved

## Reagan's 'Western White House' goes on sale for \$6m

PERCHED in the California mountains above Santa Barbara, the Reagan family ranch that served for eight years as a "Western White House" is being offered for sale at a reported asking price of nearly \$6 million (£3.9 million).

Ronald Reagan, the former President who has Alzheimer's disease, no longer visits the rustic 680-acre spread where he once rode in the rain with the Queen and took Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, for a ride in a Jeep. "Sadly . . . it has not been used since the onset of his illness," the Reagans' spokeswoman confirmed in a statement.

The Reagans lost a valuable source of income when the former President stopped public speaking and they face mounting healthcare bills because of his condition, their son. Michael, said yesterday. Mr Reagan, a radio talk show host, was hinting that a financial squeeze may have been the main reason for his parents' decision to sell the ranch his father once described as close to heaven".

They do not have any income except investments made in the blind trust when he was the President," Mr Reagan told the Los Angeles Times. "They have never been as rich as people thought they Local estate agents said that

\$5 million to \$6 million was a steep asking price given California's slack property market and the relatively modest style the Reagans' retreat. Whether offers of that order came in depended on the power of the Reagan name.

High above the Pacific on a narrow, winding road, the ranch boasts oak groves, a meadow and a pond but otherwise is "a pretty basic property", said one agent with a larger ranch listed for half

the price. The Reagans bought the ranch, known as Rancho del Cielo, in the early 1970s, reportedly for \$527,000. During the eight-year, two-term Reagan presidency it proved an invaluable public relations tool, allowing the septuagenarian President to belie his age with photo-opportunities of him engaged in vigorous outdoor pursuits, including riding horses and chopping

Mr Reagan now lives with his wife. Nancy, in a mansion in Los Angeles. Their ranch is being sold by Sotheby International Realty.



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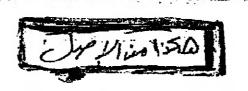
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# Germans accused of helping Libya make poison gas

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Peter Bild in bonn

THE arrest of two German businessmen on suspicion of smuggling equipment to Libya to manulacture poison gas has confirmed the worst lears of Western intelligence that Colonel Gaddafi is building up a deadly arsenal of chemical weapons.

The German authorities announced in Mönchengladbach that the two men were accused of delivering the latest automation system, which was to be used to mix poison gases, including sarin and soman, two of the most lethal known substances.

The men were identified only by their first names and initials. Udo B. and Detlef C. The city prosecutor said that police were still hunting a third suspect, a Lebanese intermediary named as Berge Balanian. The arrests have deeply embarrassed Bonn. America has long accused Germany of not cracking down hard enough on rogue businessmen helping Libya's chemical weapons programme. The news that Germans have again been instrumental in the manufacture of sarin, a gas developed by the Nazis and used in the Tokyo underground attack, has painful



American targets. German police began their

German businessmen were convicted in the 1980s of helping Colonel Gaddafi to build a poison gas plant at Rabia. 40 miles southwest of Tripoli. That plant was dam-uged by fire in 1990 and has since closed. The same year the head of the company that organised the deal was jailed for five years. Last March a Stungart businessman was accused of helping Libya to develop chemical weapons.

Bonn recently relaxed its export rules to allow firms to help in the manufacture of weapons abroad even if they did not know who would use them. But Libya remains on a list of countries to which exports are banned.

The Americans have repeatedly given warnings about Libya's chemical weapons programme. In April, William Perry, the Defence Secretary, accused Libya of building weapons at an underground site and said that America would not rule out a military strike on the facility. John Deutch, the CIA director, told Congress this year that the site, at Tarhunah, 40 miles southeast of Tripoli, was the largest chemical weapons production site in the world.

Libya swiftly denied the claims as "lies and imaginary arguments".

America has released satellite pictures of the site and consulted its allies about how to deal with the threat. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker



A drawing based on satellite images of the suspected Libyan chemical weapons complex at Tarhunah

## War risk warning by Syria

FROM ROSS DUNN

SYRIA yesterday accused Israel of moving the two coun-tries to the brink of another war as both sides conducted weapons tests.

Damascus said Israel was beating the drums of war" and warned Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, that he would be defeated in any military confrontation with the Arab

The remarks coincided with reports that Syria had conducted tests in recent weeks of Scud-C missiles which have a range of about 310 miles and put much of Israel within range. Chemical and biological warheads, which Syria recently purchased from North Korea, can also be attached to the weapons.

The statement appears to have finally deadlocked faltering peace talks between the two countries, which began four years ago.

While playing down the prospect of war or of signifi-cant missile trials, Israel yesterday carried out the first test of its Arrow Two anti-missile

## Iranian exile claims death squad threat

THE FORMER Iranian president, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, claimed yesterday that two terrorist units were planning to assassinate him in Berlin where he is due to testify in the trial of five men accused of murdering members of the

Iranian Kurdish opposition. Mr Bani-Sadr, 63, who has lived in exile in Paris since 1981, said he still planned to appear tomorrow and Friday at the trial of an Iranian and four Lebanese suspected of murdering four members of the Kurdish opposition in a Berlin restaurant in September 1992.

"I have received information from Iran indicating that two terrorist units, one coming from Sweden and the other from another European country, have assembled in Berlin to prepare my assassination." Mr Bani-Sadr said.

"A commando unit originating in Sweden and composed of three people whose nationality I do not know has linked up with a group of five Iranians in Berlin," he said.

The former Iranian president was ousted by Ayatollah Khomeini and has since become one of the most outspoken critics of the Islamic

THE United States and its

allies denounced India yes-

terday for preventing a

nuclear test ban treaty from

sembly for signature.

regime in Tehran. He said he had recently provided Germany with a detailed report on "the organisation of the terrorist state in Iran" as well as the name of another suspected accomplice in the

1992 Berlin killings.
Sadegh Saraskandi, the head of the Democratic Party of Kurdistan in Iran, was one of four Kurdish opposition members killed when men armed with automatic weapons burst into a Greek restaurant and opened fire. Kassem Darabi, an Iranian, is suspect-

ed of organising the attack. Mr Bani-Sadr claimed that the order to have him killed was issued by Tehran. He said he had passed his information to police in both France and Germany.

"Like all political assassina-

tions it must have had the double authorisation of Iranian President Rafsanjani and the revolutionary guide Ahm-

ad Khamenei," he said.
Opponents of the Islamic
authorities in Tehran have
accused the regime of organising the murders of a string of exiled political activists, including a total of eight people in France since the fall of the Shah in 1979.

West denounces India

for nuclear pact veto

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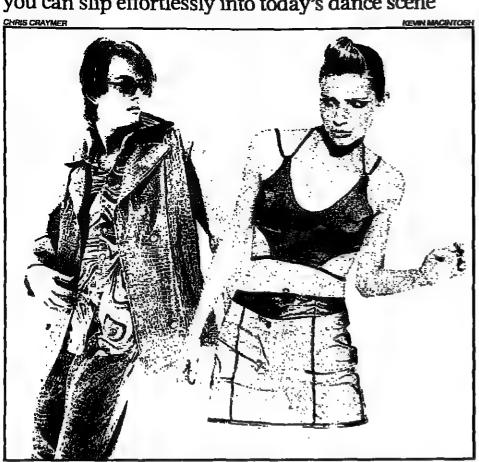
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# The square's guide to clubbing

Lost in the Jungle? No keys to the House? Follow a few simple guidelines, says Grace Bradberry, and you can slip effortlessly into today's dance scene



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most forbidding strand of British culture is the club scene. To those who go regularly, it is a vibrant mixture of changing fashion and music. To those who don't, it is as elitist as

Everybody has a story, often apocryphal, about being turned away. One of the more compelling is that of the sixfoot transvestite doorman who terrorised London clubbers in the mid-Eighties. Anyone with the temerity to question why they had been turned away would suffer the humiliation of being shown their reflection in a pocket mirror he kept hidden in his cost.

If you believe the style press. those days are over. Now is the time for social Rip Van Winthe world of clubs and stop hiding behind the "I'm too square" excuse. "Respect" (for clubbers) and "eclecticism" (in both music and dancers) are

Even so, novice clubbers will want to remain socially inconspicuous, rather than playing a starring role as the oddballs of the evening. In theory, self-expression is what it's all about. In reality, the club world divides into a wide variety of tribes, each with its

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orget the opera. The own tribal dress and tribal dance. Go to a large "house" club and the girls will be in tiny, shiny dresses, the boys in orange T-shirts and jeans. At a jungle night, boys and girls alike will be wearing combat trousers and tight T-shirts, ignalling that this is primarily a dance venue, not a meat market. But really hip boys

DO'S & DON'TS

DO ... Talk about "largeing it" (having a good time) . . . Get on the guestlist . . . Bare some flesh — midriff is best . . . Club through Sunday, taking in an all-day

DONT... Wear a work suit, platforms or heels . . . Drink too much alcohol, try and pull or talk on the dance

will be wearing boxer shorts from the American designer Tommy Hilfiger, peeping above their combat pants. Goldie, the Metalheadz DJ at the Blue Note, Hoxton, London, and the most famous exponent of jungle, is pictured in his in Vogue this month.

So what's at the cuttingedge, what's verging on the UNSECURED PERSONAL LOANS

and hip hop night that takes

changed for a few days. Only a dozen or so people each week are uncool enough to arrive in work suits. But

even they are allowed in. But Crooks highlights another seismic shift in club etiquette that will have passed some people by - cool clubs should no longer be viewed as pick-up joints. "In some clubs it would be okay to grab a girl by the elbow to get her attention. Here it wouldn't be." Persistent badgering of girls to accept drinks or a

plays havor with the lips.

There are several relatively

a solidified version of the

square and how can you fit in? The first thing to grasp is that "house" is not underground. or even faintly risky. It's the most mainstream thing there is. Music snobs may describe the music as "handbag", the derisive term for the poppier. chart-topping end of house. We are barely even in the

post-disco era. Things have moved on to post post-disco, to the extent that the whole thing. complete with flares and afro wigs, is making a comeback. The two best-known clubs are Love Train, which has nights in Leeds, Manchester and Blackpool, and Starsky and Hutch, which takes place in three different London clubs. Both are kitsch, with outlandish bell-bottoms de rigueur.

Other retro movements doing the rounds include RoMo Easy Listening, the lounge lizard cult that venerates the music of Burt Bacharach.

But it is the modern era that frightens most people. You probably know what hip hop is, but what about techno. drum'n'bass and breakbeat? Whatever the name, most things are essentially a variation on house — there is hard house, American house, European house, happy house, uplifting house ... more

houses than a Barrait's estate. The dress codes vary considerably. If it's a mainstream, "handbag" club, then you may not be allowed to wear trainers. At a hard house club, eccentrically-coloured suede trainers, with stripes a la Seventies Adidas, will be everywhere.

ome clubs do strive for a genuinely diverse range of dress. Some of the most fashionable claim to have a no-policy door policy. Rotation, a funk place on Friday nights at Subterrania in London's Notting Hill, is one of them. Chris Crooks, the promoter, says that he aims to create a good mix of gender and race and will turn people away on the grounds of dress only if they appear not to have

the new wave. It's part art gallery, part nightclub and

dance is also frowned upon. At the most sophisticated FROM JUNGLE TO TRANCE DANCE

R&B: still stands for rhythm and blues, but the new wave of R&B is a mix of hip hop. iazz and soul.

Jungle: fast, driving drum beat, with an emphasis on the base. Very urban, it has emerged directly from London over the past two vears.

Drum 'n' bass: another word for jungle. House: mainstream dance music with a hypnotic beat, it has become the Nineties equivalent of disco. Happy bouse/handbag: the chart-topping.

poppy end of house music. Hard house: hardcore house music with

manager Sav Remzi claims:

The courtesy we're showing

people when they arrive has

brought out second-genera-

tion clubbers who had given

However, this isn't a place

where tired traders should

pitch up in pinstripes. The clientèle is deeply stylish. The crowd self-selects because this

isn't a club for the passing

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less tune and a more pumping beat. Disco: a mix of mostly Seventies soul and Easy listening: Burt Bacharach, Mike

Flowers et al. RoMo: New Romantic Revival - Spandau Ballet. Human League and early Duran

Duran. Trip hop: psychedelic hip hop.

Techno: very fast music that samples Trance dance: ambient music, with very little tune and a hard house beat behind it. Truly obscure.

end of the club world, there are trade," as Remzi puts it. and Goldie. If you happen to moves to change all sorts of So, finally, you've decided to drop any of these names (by things that have always been go out, bought a copy of the accident, of course) you might accepted with grim resigna-tion: long queues, off-handedlocal listings magazine and also embark on an in-depth invested in some groovy new discussion of how a particular ness, terrible loos, no tranquil gear. How do you pick out the genuinely cool clubs from the DJ "builds" - how long it takes for the pumping rhythm spaces to escape for a minute. The Blue Note, on the edge over-hyped? The best guide is to give way to the main part of the track.
If, after reading this, to look for the name of the DJ. We're not talking about the of the City of London, is one of

another dinner party/film/ evening-on-the-sofa still seems stars of breakfast radio here -Smashey and Nicey's reign is long over - but the stars of the the hot ticket for Friday night, club world who are effectively then just remember the feeling music producers, bringing of dismal lost-youth you go new tracks from abroad. when Champagne Supernova The Face magazine recently comes on the radio with the published its own top 25. cutting gibe, "Where were you gleaned from key figures in the music industry. Names to while we were getting high?" and you realise that 1989 was watch for include Carl Cox, spent in a country pub, wear-Andy Weatherall, Paul ing a barbour, not somewhere

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## What to wear in the cool school

Club fashions change faster than any other, and the only reliable catwalk is the dance floor itself. Any round-up of current styles must include combat pants in either regular cotton or nylon. Wraparound shades are still worn up on the head. For feet technically advanced training shoes are popular, as are sports poolside sandals and thong sandals. Crop tops and hipster pants, worn to reveal a taut midriff, are everywhere. So are bootleg trousers. Finally, the coolest clubbers now sport ultraviolet tattoos.

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Hyper Hyper, a design superstore which carries club design labels including No Such Soul's hipsters and bootleg trousers. Vicky Martin's body-conscious stretch Lycra separates, are particularly popular in northern clubs such as Vague (Leeds) and Cream (Liverpool). Hyper Hyper, Kensington High St, London W8, 0171-938 4343

Dexter Wong for a futuristic space-age look. (Babylon Zoo's frontman Jaz Mann favours his designs). PVC-laced shirts. quilted trousers for men and combat skirts for women. Available from his shop at 17 Monmouth St. London WC2, 0171-240

Sue Rowe's high-neck cutaway stretch dresses and fitted hipsters. Available from Hyper Hyper and selected branches of Miss Selfridge, 0171-434 0405.

Nigel Hall for smarter clubwear. particularly popular with men in northen clubs. Available from Hyper Hyper and outlets nationwide including Harvey Nichols, 0171-235 5000.

Sign of the Times, Covent Garden. London, 0171-240 6694. This season they're going retro.

Name Workshop, 44 Shelton St, London WC2, 0171-240 8746 for stylish pieces including glossy nylon army

Army surplus stores such as Laurence Corner, Hampstead Road, London NWI, 0171-813 1010, for authentic army

Sports Stores for sports sandals such as the Converse One Star thong sandal in coloured suede. Plastic poolside sports sandals from Nike, Adidas or Umbro. Hitech running shoes such as Recbok's Pump Fury cutaway shoes. Available from JD Sports nationwide. 0171-287 8802.

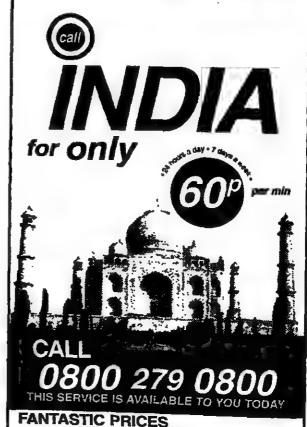
Wraparound sports shades still worn on the top of the head. Popular brands include Oakley, Adidas and Killer Loops. Available nationwide from Sunglass Hut. 0171-493 3044.

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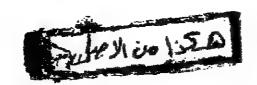
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# Rule Britannia — and the rest of her sisters

ard by the Houses of Parliament, her arm uplifted against the murky swell of the Thames and the muggy London skies, stands the statue of Boadicea, the warrior queen. Brutal in her rebellion, she hurled herself with maddened courage against the shields of her Roman foes, before she was finally defeated and then proudly

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died by her own hand. This avenging queen of the native Britons has been upheld as an icon through two millennia. Yet despite her indomitable example, our traditions have shunted women into a secondary role. Royal succession is governed by laws of male primogeniture. These laws are ripe for review. The first-horn child of a sovereign or aristocrat should succeed to the throne or the title, regardless of

Pericles, that sober Athenian statesman, was one of the first writers to cast women in a negative role. "The greatest glory of women is to be least talked about by men, in praise or blame," Three Queens have proved to be great monarchs — so why should we fear a change in the law of succession?

he wrote. True, the ancient world did not mind women as a symbol of victory or power. Athena sprang fully armed from Zeus's head with a mighty shout. But it was only Zeus, the Father of Heaven, who might wickl the thunderbolt, controlling with its fatal flash his quarrelsome Olympian family.

When women acquired political power in the classical world they were seen as threatening creation. tures. The avenging Clytemnestra beheaded Agamemnon with an axe, the enchantress Medea slaughtered her own offspring.

Myths such as these shore up an atavistic fear of female potentates: a wariness of the savage female spider who devours her paltry mate or the wily preying mantis who decapitales her diminutive husband while he copulates,

But the examples of our history should dispel such fears. Three of

our queens have proved among the most successful of our monarchs. Gloriana, or Elizabeth I, repulsed not only the Spanish Navy but also all those attempts to press her into a dynastic marriage. Although some now suggest that she won a reputation in advance of her achievements, she maintained relative stability for 45 years, For 64 years Victoria reigned over what was probabl the most prosperous and self-confident era of British history.

sor for modern times. in the 20th century and often. parodoxically, in the nations in which they are most suppressed. women emerge as impressive leaders. From Sirimavo Bandaranaike in Sri Lanka. who in 1960 became the world's first female Prime Minister, through Indira Gandhi in India and

Golda Meir in Israel, to Benazir

Our own Queen is a calm succes-

Margaret Thaicher, women have played a powerful part.

The concept of preferential male succession is archaie. Though the backbone of any monarchy is a tradition which should not be east aside to accord with any passing mood, the issue of equality is unlikely to fade away until it has been fully accommodated.

The monarchies of Sweden and Norway have already abandoned sexist traditions of primogeniture. At the moment in Britain there is no female likely to inherit the throne. The question is not one of immediate controversy, so it is an ideal time to debate reform.

In many ways there is little reason to change an anyway illogical tradition which has served adequately for hundreds of years. But where laws of succession carry an important effect is where they concern hereditary

pecrages. Al-though there is no direct link between the laws governing royal succession and the way in which hereditary peer-ages are passed on, change in the former inevitably carries implications for the latter. It is unlikely

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

continue to follow a tradition which the me

chy had abandoned. If we assume that Labour Party proposals to ban hereditary peers from the House of Lords come to nothing, one of the chief benefits of change in the laws of succession would be to see more women taking their places in the Upper House, leading to a better balance

that the aristocra-

cy — the base of

the pyramid to which the mon-

archy forms the

There would be fewer cases

which occurred on the death of Chopper, the Duke of Portland, in which title and financial assets were

duke, who died in 1980, had only one surviving daughter to whom he left his money and estates while the dukedom passed

to a distant cousin. A noble title and distinguished part of our culture were emasculated.

The succession of women would not necessarily mean that the surnames of our aristocratic houses would change. As in the case of Baroness Edith Summerskill, the former Labour minister, children may take their mother's

reditary titles would die out. The long history of some Scottish peerages, such as the earldom of Sutherland, and certain English ones - the Mountbatten earldom. for instance — is owing to the fact that they may be passed down the

And the familial disruptions of Henry VIII should not be forgotten, at a time when matrimony seems already a threatened state The Tudor King famously rid himself of five wives and one Pope in his desperate quest to sire a sturdy son. Bendor, the 2nd Duke of Westminster, married four times in the same quest. He failed. Under today's laws, if the wife of the current duke had not given birth to a son in 1991, the title would have become extinct. Yet

the duke has three daughters, too. Perhaps Maria, Marchioness of Ailesbury, foretold more than a fortuitous marriage for a girl when she wrote: "My dear, my dear, you never know when any beautiful young lady may not

# I pray for endurance, not happiness

Mary Riddell meets the author Alice Thomas Ellis, and finds her still an unrepentant rebel

stantly in Alice Thomas Ellis's drawing room. This time it Auberon Waugh on the line, with a snippet of news about the incoming Editor of the Catholic Herald.

"Oh my Gaad," cries Thomas Ellis, exhaling a waft of Silk Cut smoke towards her nicotine-tinted ceiling. "She sounds like hell, which is doubtless her destination." A throaty laugh, and she re-places the receiver. Yep, that was Bron. He's just saying that the new woman on the Herald sounds like hell."

The less than rhapsodic reception for the freshly appointed Deborah Jones has nothing to do with her unquestionable competence. Jones, however, is a liberal Catholic. Thomas Ellis, one of Britain's leading novelists, is of the orthodox persuasion. The differences between the two camps have, on occasion, made the relationship between God and Satan look cordial.

Three months have passed since Thomas Eilis, then a star Berald columnist, made a

trenchant attack on Derek Worlock, the late, revered (and liberal) Archbishop of Liverpool. The paper promptly sacked her and issued a grovelling front-page apology, but the row smouldered on.

Not that Thomas Ellis fanned the flames. Time, however, has made her less cautious. "Wasn't it ridiculous? I missed all the hoohah and the fun because I was in Italy. The old Church was supposed to be autocratic, but this new mob will not have one word of criticism."

The sensitive souls of modern Catholicism include Carai basu hume, ajchdishor of Westminster, who, she believes, had previously taken issue with her traditionalist views, "Oh yes, Hume had tried to get me sacked before. And then the Cardinal claims he's very against censorship. That means he won't have any only orthodox Catholics.

good monk and a good and prayerful man, but I don't think he's a leader." Indeed, she claims that the only obstacie to his instant removal appears to be the lack of a suitable successor. "The trouble is there aren't very good candidates around at the moment. They're all bogged down in this Protestantised, happy-clappy stuff."

Quite the oddest thing about Thomas Ellis is her blend of orthodoxy and irreverence. She is 63, charming and funny, with sweet doe eyes. mink-rinsed hair and an view of the Estab ment. This week's suggestion that heirs to the throne may be able to marry Catholics failed to delight her. "It's more dignified not to be a member of that family."

To the outsider, her life seems a divine affair. By day she parks herself on the sofa in

for a time. Colin left no money and a lot of debts, and that was such a worry. I did have a

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peculiar sort of collapse at one point. I couldn't get off this sofa without help, and I thought my mind was going."

Remedies were suggested for her misery. "Prozac? That didn't do anything for me. I took thyroxin (a thyroid treatment) too, and I've never felt so bloody miserable in my life."

she possesses in abundance. • Fairy Tale is published on September 5 by Viking, Cl6







## Alan Coren



#### Perhaps the motorway driver's last resort should be his first

nometh the hour, cometh the man. It must, of course, be the right man at the right hour: had it been, say, the in-fant Isaac Newton watching his mother's kettle-lid rattling up and down, there is scant chance that his observation would have led to the 8.14 from Orpington, nor may we be any more confident that had a Virginian potato fallen on Walter Raleigh's head, the world would have ended up with gravity rather than chips. For while serendipity has so often demonstrated herself to be the true mother of invention, she has always required an obstetrician who knew what he was about.

How very fortunate, then, that the man who cometh down the MI at the hour of 8.40am on Monday not only listeneth to the Today programme as he cometh, but also, this being the right hour, suddenly findeth himself fancying bacon, eggs, sausages and fried bread, not to say a grilled tomato or three on the side. For convened at the Today programme are two earnest spokespersons one from the RAC and one from the Council for the Protection of Rural England; and what they have convened for is to argue the fraught toss over the RAC's advice to family motorists in this jammed holiday season to avoid taking motorways to their destinations and take rural roads instead. Unsurprisingly, the CPRE lady is deeply agitated by this, and, no less surprisingly, the two factions are still at shrill loggerheads as their listener, ten miles north of London, spots that the sign for Scratchwood Services has a knife and fork on it. So he leaves the motorway, switches off the debate about the preferred course for the inevitable destruction of his heritage, parks in the last of several hundred spaces, and, negotiating the teeming families scuttling to and from all these servied vehicles, takes his arteries into the Welcome Break restaurant for a welcome furring.

And he is just mopping up the last of the cholesterol with the last of the stodge when two children sprint in and begin nagging the life out of the couple at the next table: the little boy wants more money for the amusement arcade, and his older sister wants more money for the shop. The father says no, they have to be on their way, at which the little boy — mark these words, history — cries: "Why? We like it here."

And do you know what happens next? An apple falls. A kettle rattles. We like it here. Slowly, as in a dream (and why not, for that is what he is suddenly in) the eavesdropper gets up, pays his bill, walks out into that brass August sun which throughout the queendom is blistering down upon a million cars grinding as many suffering families through the suffering landscape to countless Why? They like it here.

t least, they very soon would, if the dream were realised. For what do the great British majority require for their annual hois? They do not go to Spain for Spain, nor Greece for Greece, let alone Turkey for Turkey. So, suppose Scratchwood Services offered not a mere hundred cots for conked-out drivers but a thousand wellappointed rooms for fun-seeking holidaymakers, plus a brace of giant swimming pools, a golf course, a casino, a safari park, a boating lake, a go-kart track, six tennis courts, a funfair, bars, ballrooms, shopping malis, and all of this but half an hour from London, what then? And what, the dream continues, of Knutsford Services, as near to Manchester, or Corley Services, as near to Birmingham, or any of umpteen such cur-rent blots athwart each British motorway, serving our every conurbation? Suppose all these were gloriously transformed? Not only would no rural blight be involved (the present facilities were, as you know, all built under the caring auspices of the Eyesore Trust) it would be reversed: we should see imported forests, artificial skislopes, ersatz waterlands, fresh-populated. what's more, with trekking ponies, ornamental ducks, a wallaby here, a peacock there, farmed trout leaping in the floodlight-dappled fishing-pool, IVF grouse hurtling from prefabricated gorse . .

While elsewhere, greenly, pleasantly all England would lie protected. I got back in the car, switched on Classic FM, and, would you believe, they were playing William Walton? I tell you, this was a major hour.

## Peter Ackroyd finds himself transported into the past, but loses himself in the mysteries of his own mind

Something odd and perplexing happened to me the other night. I have realised for two or three years that it is possible to direct one's dreams; once one realises that one is in a dreaming state, it is easy enough to create situations or events which then manifest themselves with a reality far beyond the power of what is termed virtual reality". There is a literature upon this phenomenon. A few weeks ago, for example, quite by chance I was sent an essay entitled. The Dreaming Attention".

Then, very recently, it occurred to me that this faculty (which no doubt all possess) might be tested or widened in interesting ways. And I determined to try an experiment at the earliest possible opportunity. So, a few nights ago, I found myself in a dream which I knew to be a dream. At an appropriate moment in the proceedings I said, "I want to be taken to the 18th century". And there, without the slightest lacuna or hesitation, I was, Or, at least, seemed

I was walking down a street, or a long passage which was opened at one side, Of course there must have been elements of a dream landscape embedded within this scene, but I remarked to myself that the stone exteriors, the windows and the dress of the people seemed absolutely authentic. It was, to be specific, the early 18th century. At one point I remembered being informed that was in Hendon. I asked to be taken to the pesthouse or hospital — at which

## My interpretation of dreams: a time machine

they were the same thing. There the pesthouse was before me. I entered it, but the stench was so strong that I retched and rushed outside. There the

Yet it had only seemed to end, and I realised soon enough that I had re-turned to a simpler dream state. So I decided to try again and, this time, to make a more precise request. I was walking up a staircase, and said: "I wish to be taken to 1858." A door appeared before me. I opened it and I was within a mid-Victorian interior where the carpeting and furnishings were, to my eye, quite genuine. I walked into another room, and found it to be a study. The items upon the desk, and the furniture, were again right in detail and general effect. A woman came into the room, who seemed to know me very

"Whatever are you doing back so early?" she asked me. I replied that I needed some air, and wished to be taken outside - for the simple reason that I wanted to see where this Victorian dwelling was situated. As we went

point someone laughed, and said that down a staircase I asked her. "If you were to write an essay for a periodical. how would you describe the area where

> "West London, of course." "But if you had to be more precise?"

I left the house and there, to my astonishment (and, I must say, slight unease) was a street of the mid 19th century, with the doors, façades and areas exactly as they once had been. My dream ended rather abruptly when a late-20th-century London taxi pulled up.

These were the two dream sequences which have puzzled me. I do not for one moment believe in "reincarnation" or "regression", and the origins of these dreams may be more interesting. What is this faculty or aptitude of the brain — the dreaming mind — which is capable of creating what seems to be an authentic past? It seemed so real that in the pesthouse I retched. The furnishings of the Victorian house were detailed and complete. How

There is of course a wealth of dream

literature in the English language. from Langland's Piers Plowman to Chaucer's Langland's Piers Plowman to Chaucet's Parlement of Fowls, through Bunyan's dreams of the pilgrim's progress and Alice's dreams of wonderland, to Coleridge's Kubla Khan and De Quincey's fervid dreamscapes. Yet these tend to be contrived and highly controlled exercises in creating a plausible structure for the particle of the particle

the material of dreams. What was so odd, and tantalising. about my own experience was that I was suddenly brought into the presence of a palpable reality which could have been created only out of the perusal of old books and pictures, letters and diaries. It is a fearful experience in the sense that I had entered a past so detailed and real that, for an instant, it was as if I might never be able to leave it.

The direction of a dream, then, is in no way similar to the novelist's control of a fictional narrative, simply because the reality of the people and the buildings viewed in sleep is so intense and immediate: they seem to dwell in their own extrinsic space and are utterly imaginable in advance of the experience

So we must return to the power of the human brain, itself the product of thousands of long and almost dreamlike developments. One other sleep experience may be useful here. Between dreams. I sometimes find myself in the presence of the mind itself, displaying its capacities in an endless display of capacities in an endiess display of spectra, signs, patterns, geometrical symbols and rapidly changing images. These are not the whorls and colours of hypnagogic imagery which generally occur just before sleep, but a vast and apparently endless continuum of intricate activity which seems almost to be playing with its own variety. Mystics and philosophers have been suggesting and philosophers have been suggesting for many hundreds of years that the mind is an image of the universe — that indeed it is the universe. Is it too foolish to suggest that it harbours images of the past which are accessible to those who request them?

It has remained, and no doubt will remain, a mystery. One conclusion, at least, can be reached. The Freudian theory of the dreamer as the passive recipient of unconscious dramas or desires is mistaken. If it is possible to direct or control dreams, then they cannot be the product of overwhelming interior impulses. The true explanation escapes me: but these journeys to the past remain a curiosity. I have a few experiments still to attempt. I intend to ask to be returned to the early 16th century, to the lifetime of the subject of my latest biography, Thomas More. And what, then, if one asked to be shown the future?

## Crushed by a landslide

John Grigg compares the Conservatives' prospects for the n the general election of January 1906, the Tonbridge constituency (which then included Tunbridge next general election with their worst ever defeat, in 1906 Wells) was lost by the Tories. This was an unheard-of event, never since repeated - though now perhaps once again a possibility, in view of the Liberal Democrats' capture of Tunbridge Wells in the recent local elections. On the earlier occasion, the 17-year-old Fenner



Brockway, later a famous figure on the Left, acted as Liberal sub-agent in the division. After the poll was declared, he helped to drag the victorious Liberal

candidate's carriage from Tunbridge Wells to Tonbridge, where it was welcomed by a large crowd with torches. In every part of the country, Liberals were celebrating an overwhelming electoral triumph that gave them a Commons majority of 243 over the Conservatives along and an expension provincing the conservatives along and an expension provincing the conservatives along the conservative along the conservatives along the conservative along the c tives alone, and an overall majority of 130. With their Irish Nationalist and

Labour allies they had a majority of 356, but the beauty of their position was that they did not need allies.

They had fought the election as the governing party, since the Tory leader, A.J. Balfour, had resigned at the end of 1905, on a tactical calculation that resent entirely entirely a since the second entirely entirely and the second entirely entire that proved entirely mistaken. It was his belief, or anyway hope, that his Campbell-Bannerman, would have difficulty forming a government, and that splits and weaknesses in his party would

In fact, Campbell-Bannerman lost no time in forming a strong Government, asked for a dissolution and then secured an overwhelming mandate. Ballour himself was one of the many Conservatives who lost their seats in the election.

The really damaging split was on his own side, and this was doubtless a major cause of the Tory débacle. Since Gladstone's conversion to Irish Home Rule in the middle of the 1880s, the Conservatives had been in power for most of the time, with Liberal Unionists as their allies. Conservative and Unionist, or just Unionist, became the party's

In 1903, however, the leading Liberal Unionist and Colonial Secretary. Joseph Chamberlain, launched a campaign which divided the Tories as fundamentally as the Liberals had been divided by Home Rule. He called for the reintroduction of tariffs, partly to fight the competition of protectionist powers such as Germany and the United States, partly to raise money for social reform, but above all to enable preferences to be gramed on Imperial goods, so consolidating the British Empire. This would have meant the end of free trade.

Tariff reform was an issue that split the Tories while uniting the Liberals. During the half-century since free trade had been established in Britain, many in all classes and all parties had come to

regard it as indispensable to the coun-

try's way of life. In particular, it was

seen as necessary to keep the price of

food down. Chamberlain's policy could

easily be denounced as a policy for

taxing food. Balfour did his best to unite the party on a compromise programme, but could not avoid an appearance of confusion and disarray. The Liberals, on the other hand, were able to go to the country as defenders of the economic status quo. Free trade provided them with a good conservative cause, and it was this more than anything else that turned opinion decisively in their favour.

So why is the 1906 election generally regarded as a radical watershed? It's consequences were, indeed, more radiIN OPPOSITION

cal than many voters can have expected or intended. The electorate was still far from democratic. No women and only about 60 per cent of men had the vote. Liberal politicians tended to be considerably more advanced than Liberal voters.

What was called the "new Liberalism" was gaining ground among party activists. This was a Liberalism that believed in using the power of the State

to combat poverty and improve "the condition of the people". Nearly two out of three Liberal candidates in the election mentioned old age pensions which were introduced in 1908 as the first stage in a programme of social reform associated, above all, with the name of Lloyd George - the basis of the modern welfare state.

How does the political scene today compare with 1906? Now as then, a Conservative Government, after a long period in office, is faced with the likelihood of overwhelming defeat. Now as then, the Tories seem divided and unable to control events, while the main opposition party appears to have re-gained its confidence and solidarity. Another point of resemblance is the

century there was a secret understanding between the Liberals and the infant Labour Party, which had the effect of maximising the anti-Tory vote and preventing the election of Tories where that vote might have been split. One consequence was the election of 30, Labour MPs in 1906, a phenomenon. viewed by Balfour with special foreboding. Today there is no pact, overt or covert, but there is a convergence of policy and an apparently increased tendency of Liberal and Labour supporters to vote tactically, to the Tories' disadvantage, The effect, therefore, may

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Lib-Lab factor. At the beginning of the

ust as there was new Liberalism in 1906, so there is "new Labour today. But the two are very different. New Liberalism was concerned with helping the poor, who then formed a majority of the population but still a minority of the electorate. New Labour is concerned with reassuring the relatively well-off, who comprise a majority of both the population and the

The European Union today divides the Tories, just as tariff reform divided them in 1906. But the European, issue divides Labour no less profoundly. despite a superficial show of unity, whereas the Liberals in 1906 were genuinely united in defence of free trade. What of the leaders? Again there is a great contrast. Ballour was one of the most intellectual of British Prime Ministers (author of A Defence of Philosophic Doubt, among other works) and also one of the most privileged, succeeding his uncle, Lord Salisbury, in the office. John Major is neither intellectual nor

privileged: no Labour leader has come from a harder background. Tony Blair is a strong and charismatic opposition leader, differing in this from Campbell-Bannerman, whose fitness for the premiership was doubted even by many on his own side until he proved himself in the job, though he died in office only two years later, to be succeeded by Herbert Asquith, Despite Campbell-Bannerman's lack of charisma, he was tougher than he seemed, and he had Cabinet experience. If Blair, who entered Parliament only in 1983, becomes Prime Minister next year, he will match the first Labour Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald's feat of reaching top

In 1906, the Liberals gained 1.2 million votes over the previous election, in 1900 (there were still seven-year Parliaments). But the Tory vote also rose substantially, since the turnout increased from 75 per cent to 83 per cent. The popular margin between the two main parties was only 300,000, out of 5.6 million votes cast. Then as now, the "first-past-the-post" electoral system flattered the victors. Tomorrow: John Charmley.

## Sitting comfy

notorious interviews given by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Not only is there nothing about the Duchess which could shock

anyone any longer, but as part

of her divorce settlement she was instructed not to blab about her

marriage and the Royal Family.

What is more, Sawyer is less Jer-

emy Paxman than Richard and

froth about her two new children's

books, which will be upon us this

autumn. They describe the adven-

tures of an 11-year-old princess

More likely, the Duchess will

Duchess of York is preparing to bare her soul to America's softest television interviewer. Diane Sawyer, who presents ABC Television's Prime Time Live, has been courting Sarah Ferguson for several years. Now the wooing has paid off, with the Duchess agreeing to a chat in November, to coincide with the release of her autobiography, for which she received an estimated

Sawyer rose from being a weather girl to be a mouthpiece for President Nixon and then a big-name journalist. But do not expect the



The Duchess and the interviewer: playing softball

named Amanda and her American friend Emily. As they say out West, rocket science, it ain t.

 Nepotism naturally has no place in Pakistan's cricket establishment, although its Under-15 side smacks of great Pakistani players of the past. The team sent over to compete in the Under-15 World Cup at Lord's yesterday was cap-tained by Faisal Iqbal, the nephew of Test batsman Javed Miandad. Also in the side were the sons of leg-spinner Abdul Qadir and of Majid Khan, now chief executive of Pakistani cricket and cousin of imran Khan.

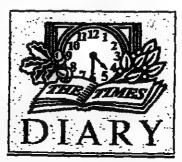
#### Ad fab

THE GOVERNMENT'S shameless decision to reward the advertising honcho Maurice Saatchi with a peerage leaves the new lord with two problems: first what to call himself, and then what to do about

his dress code.

Lord Saatchi of Baghdad, his birthplace, is impossible. Lord Saatchi of Charlotte Street, home to the Saatchi & Saatchi HQ in the 1980s, might smack too much of heady, over-expansionist flash. Lord Saatchi of Staplefield, after the Sussex village where he lives, is

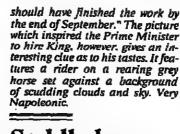
As to his clothes, Saatchi is farn-



ous for only ever wearing black and white, down to his black suede shoes. When he is introduced to the House of Lords, however, he will, horrors, have to wear the deep red robes.

Those who murmur that Saatchi may feel awkward about the honour are contradicted by Stefano Hatfield, editor of the advertising trade rag Campaign: "There were years when the accounts were never fully paid by the Tories. The Saatchis were very accommodating." In short, Saatchi felt the honour was more than his due.

 John Major has commissioned a photographer to assemble a port-folio of casual family snaps. Sarah King, a jumpy little woman who insists she takes pictures rather than snaps, talks confusingly of her latest commission. "I cannot confirm or deny that I am doing it, but I



Saddled up WITH pollution prominent in the

news and the Government doing its utmost to encourage the use of bicycles, spin-doctors at the Department of Transport are faced



Bowis: spokes man?

with a problem in John Bowis, the junior Transport Minister. Will he be able to step into the cycling shorts of his predecessor Steven Norris and pose for photographs on behalf of environmentally friendly travel?

Although no oil painting. Norris gamely used to pose for the cam-eras in tight-fit cycling gear. Bowis, a larger man, is not exactly Lycrafriendly, and aides admit that until a strict dietary regime is implemented he is unlikely to be making any bicycle photo-calls.

Tim Allen, the boyish press of-ficer in Tony Blair's office. has taken offence at my suggestion that he is simply clinging onto the shirt tails of new Labour by buying a house in Tuscany. "I haven't been buying anything out there because I already have one," he says. "I was born there - long before new Labour came into existence."

## **Inside view**

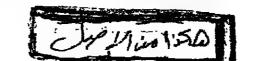
THESE hot August days are unsettling for staff at BBC Wales. When John Birt, the Armani-clad Director-General of the Corporation. isn't pacing the corridors of its headquarters in London's White City, he heads for a little relaxation to his house in the Brecon Beacons. There, he walks the hills and set-

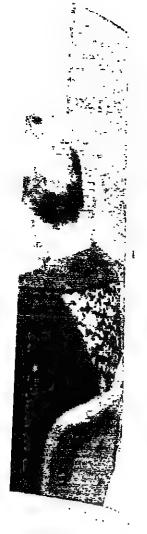


"I see the pollution levels are up again"

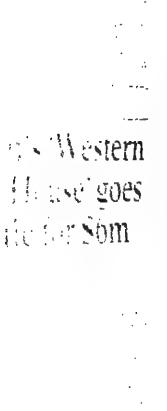
tles down afterwards to a tumble; of sparkling Brecon water or even an iced glass of Chablis in front of the television. And he lets the local staff know what he thinks.

"It's very unnerving for them," says a BBC insider. "Someone from BBC Wales was complaining about it only yesterday. They dread his walking breaks." To settle their nerves, staff have adopted the mantra from London concerning the new BBC Chairman Sir Christopher Bland: "Bland is grand."





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## **DIESEL EXHAUSTION**

Gummer's best-laid plans face dirty future

When the apparently limitless desire for personal mobility comes up against the alltoo-limited ability of the environment to shrug off more insults, the Government has some awkward decisions to make.

Today John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, will admit that traffic pollution is a serious health hazard which may be hastening the death of thousands of people every year. He will set new limits on exposure to a range of pollutants, and then tell harrassed local authorities that it is now their responsibility to enforce them. The police will lend a hand, if only the Home Office can be persuaded that this is an appropriate use of police time. A hollow laugh before a croak would seem the only appropriate response.

Governments do not have a distinguished record in dealing with vehicle pollution. When the Clean Air Act of 1956 liberated the cities from the smoke and sulphur dioxide of coal-burning, governments of every colour preened themselves at their success for a generation. Meanwhile a new threat was creeping up on them unawares. Anyone watching the experience of American cities. especially Los Angeles, might have suspected that traffic pollution would become a threat here too. But officialdom was slow to acknowledge it. Monitoring was unwisely neglected and research left undone. Motorists were advised that if there was a problem, it came from petrol-powered rather than diesel vehicles; the dirty exhausts of buses and trucks had no implications for human

New evidence suggests this was very far from the truth. The particles in diesel exhausts are now seen as the worst villains of all, able to penetrate deep into the lung, provoking a defensive response which can hasten the death of vulnerable people, especially those with heart or lung con-

ditions. Nor is it possible to point the finger only at obviously dirty exhausts. Small particles do not appear as black as larger ones: it is possible that even apparently clean diesels may be doing a disproportionate share of the damage. The motorists who turned to diesel because of its green credentials have been cruelly mocked by this change of opinion.

It is true that the new evidence is largely inferential. It does not, for example, appear to be true that vehicle pollution is responsible for the rapid growth of asthma, since that is manifest both in cities and in rural areas. It is more plausible, on present evidence, to argue that pollution provokes asthma attacks in people who have already developed the disease. Likewise, the evidence that particulates are associated with an increased risk of death from heart disease is based on the crude instrument of epidemiology, measuring the deaths in cities during pollution alerts and comparing them with rates when the air is cleaner. Such evidence,

however, is as good as we are likely to get. The new plans to be unveiled today will set limits for eight different pollutants, including particulates and ozone. The limits will be part of a ten-year plan aimed at keeping British cities within the limits, for instance by restricting areas to pedestrians and rerouting traffic. Mr Gummer deserves credit for putting forward these plans, the first of their kind in Europe. There must be doubt about, however, how effectively they can be implemented. Britain has one of the highest densities of cars in Europe; persuading people away from cars will be very unpopular. The Government may hope that new technology, including particulate traps, can make diesel vehicles safer. But the evidence of the past is that every new technology is in vain chase after the effects of traffic

## **GERMANY'S BLIND EYE**

Trade with terrorist regimes needs strict rules and a long spoon

The arrest of two German businessmen on suspicion of helping Libya to build a poison gas factory underlines again the ruthless nature of Colonel Gaddafi's regime. More embarrassingly, it also highlights Germany's failure to take proper steps to control the sale of machinery and deadly equipment to rogue regimes intent on mass destruction.

This is not the first time that German businessmen have been arrested for involvement in Libva's chemical weapons programme. No wonder the Americans are contemptuous of European promises to crack down on international terrorism; no wonder they insist that only sanctions on companies doing business with such regimes will curb the trade in terror.

The scale of German involvement, the failure - despite Bonn's repeated assurances to block loopholes in existing export bans and the impunity with which the men adapted and shipped out the equipment point to serious lapses in German counter-intelligence. The record of German industry in profiting from dictators is extensive; but the involvement in plans to manufacture sarin, poison gas invented by the Nazis, should send a chill throughout the country.

Politicians in some of Germany's neighbours, and especially in Israel, will point to the numerous cases of German, or former East German, involvement in weapons programmes that could threaten Israel. From the rocket scientists employed by Nasser to the engineers who helped Iraq to extend its missiles' range and the businessmen who built Libya's Rabta poison gas plant German involvement in Middle East weapons programmes has been controversial. Of course, not only Germans have sold

arms to dubious regimes: Britain, too, has

the benefit of the doubt. Bonn's insistence on maintaining a dialogue with Tehran and others, a legacy of the feeble policies of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, has led to such absurdities as the formal reception of Iran's intelligence chief by Bernd Schmidtbauer, Chancellor Kohl's powerful intelligence supremo. There does not seem to be sufficient determination in Bonn or in the boardrooms of leading German companies to confront governments known to support terrorism - especially if there are profitable export contracts in the offing.

Herr Kohl has committed himself to

profited from such a trade, as the arms-for-

Iraq scandal revealed. The difference is that

Germany continues to give rogue regimes

helping end international atrocities as firmly as any Western leader. The minimum that he needs to do now is to improve German counter-intelligence. Germany has a number of laws defining what may or may not be exported. Libva remains firmly on the embargo list despite a recent weakening of some of the restrictions. Responsibility for policing export embargoes, however, appears to fall too often between the federal and state governments.

If, as now appears from recent reports, the BND, Germany's foreign intelligence service, was fully aware of the delivery of equipment to Libya, then many questions in Germany should follow. Did exports go ahead knowingly? Was part of the Government secretly encouraging contacts with Libya? Has Bonn now got a potential Matrix Churchill scandal on its hands? The Americans, and other allies, will be watching the fallout closely. No chances should be taken with a regime as unstable and malign as that of Colonel Gaddafi.

## **INSIDE THE TOMB**

Welcome to the most Victorian mausoleum of them all

This Bank Holiday weekend the public has an opportunity to see inside the most private and peculiar British royal monument. In order to give wider access to the Royal Collection, the Queen has directed that the mausoleum at Frogmore be open from Saturday to Monday. Previously Victoria and Albert's private tomb has been open for only one inconvenient day a year, the Wednesday nearest to Victoria's birthday. May 24. Accordingly it has been little noticed. The interior of the mausoleum is rarely photographed because of the long shadows cast by the Victorian taboo and extravagance about death.

Thomas Browne, the old prose poet of mortality, observed that man is a noble animal, splendid in ashes, and pompous in the grave. Like any mausoleum worthy of the name, Victoria and Albert's at Frogmore offers both splendour and pomposity. The Queen summoned her Uncle Leopold's architects and the spirit of a thirteenth century Italian church. Albert's influence can be seen in the homages to Raphael, the greatest artist, in his view, who had ever lived. Those who look up - attempting to see the view intended for the occupants - see

clouds and gold stars on high. But the Victoria and Albert Mausoleum is modest, it must be said, in comparison with the great edifice that gave it its name. When King Mausolus of Caria died in 353 BC, his widow Artemisia built him a memorial at Halicarnassus (the modern Bodrum) that became one of the Seven Wonders of the

ancient World. It included 36 Ionic columns and a pyramid that was more than 130 feet high. His statue and sculptures from the mausoleum, following an immortality-beating earthquake of the lifteenth century, came to rest in the British Museum in 1859, appropriately enough just two years before Albert's death. Subsequent builders and occupants of

mausoleums have carried on his tradition. The Taj Mahal and the mausoleum called Hadrian's Tomb, now the Castel Sant' Angelo in Rome, are not inconspicuous buildings. In their mausoleums, Frederick William at Charlottenburg and Napoleon III at Farnborough were also defying death by saying, "Look on my tombs, ye mighty, and remember."

Victoria and Albert's grand mausoleum at Windsor has marbles of many colours and Anglicised pastiche of Italian masterpieces. But it also sends a thoroughly Victorian message of domestic order, privacy and selfconfidence. Victoria's effigy was carved at the same time as Albert's, and then waited 40 years to be back with him again. The

observant tourist can spot the join. The Queen and her Prince Consort are well remembered in the great national institutions they encouraged, the literature they inspired (some of it Victoria's own letters), and the stable tradition they handed on. Even a mausoleum is a poor substitute for life. But Victoria and Albert's mausoleum is a unique symbol of the higher Victorian values, well worth the visit.

## Poor support for

From Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS Sir. The story of Sir Frank Whittle and the jet engine (obituary, August 10; let-ters, August 15) is sad reading. He was treated shockingly both by the Estab-

British invention

not the smallest molecule of faith in air navigation other than ballooning." A few years later along came the Wright brothers. Parsons went broke twice in attempting to launch his steam turbine, which now generates most of the world's electricity. Marconi very nearly went broke in trying

Baird invented and demonstrated a mechanical system of television, and having alerted the world to it, died in a garret after a lifetime of work. We were the first to produce a really workable computer with a useful memory; and the Americans came over, saw it, went back, and created the world's leading computer industry. An Englishman invented a successful mechunically-controlled hydrofoil hoat and spent his life furthering it, but the big battalions came in and he suffered

Whittle had his ideas for jet engines in 1928. In 1934 the British Under-Secretary of State for Air said that "scienrific investigation into the possibilities of jet propulsion) has given no indication that the method could be a serious competitor to the airscrew-engine

combination". nothing to reverse this downward

the Far East.

I was born and bred in Cambridge, and its university is supposed to be one piece, but it isn't. The arts and classics and the humanities are one piece, the other and newer second piece is engineering and the sciences, and neither half can talk to the other.

all right for cogs, but is hopeless for the future leaders of our society. Our future leaders must have a framework of the humanities and arts, and a framework of engineering and the sciences, so they are capable of under-

Another and important factor in ple. If our designs were good enough our balance of payments would be in

#### BSE cattle cull

From Mrs Judith Pieris

Dorcen Forsyth (letter, August 17) who was extremely distressed as her tenday-old calves were being herded into a wagon to be taken away for slaugh-

I have felt similarly distressed at seeing the "confused faces" of baby calves gazing out of crowded trucks in lay-bys on the way to the port of Brightlingsea for export. They, presumably, left their farm gates with their farmer's consent.

humane, way to manage the lives and deaths of living animals destined for the table.

Yours faithfully. JUDITH PIERIS 54 Brooklane Field, Harlow, Essex. August 17.

From Mr Barry Hyman

Sir, Put aside Doreen Forsyth's anthropomorphic concerns about "the confused faces" of the calves leaving her farm for premature slaughter.

Yours faithfully, BARRY HYMAN, 4 Priory View. Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire. August 17.

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## A-level results: lower standards or brighter students?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From the Headmaster of

Bishopshalt School Sir. The alleged decline in the value of A-level grades by about 25 per cent during the past seven years sletters, August 17) has not as yet brought lishment and by industry, a story that about a reduction in the proportion of has happened so often before. Lord Kelvin in 1896 stated: "I have undergraduates getting good degrees at the longer-established universities,

quite the contrary in fact. How can we explain this? Has there been, during the same period, a remarkable improvement in the quality and quantity of teaching at those uni-Perhaps the students are 25 per cent more intelligent than their predeces-

Why is the above such dismal read-ing? Why have we let Germany and Japan and the countries on the Pacific seaboard overtake us and outsell us? We had a large machine-tool industry. Now we buy our computerised machine tools from the Far East, along with our cameras and watches and shoes and motorbikes and many other things. The reasons for our decline in the export league lie so deep that the Chancellor of the Exchequer can do

In this century cheap fuel and technological advances, which most peo-ple accept without a thought of how they came about, enabled the Western world to shoot ahead. Now these advances are increasingly coming from

for early specialisation and, in the new technological age, turning out a mass of half-educated people. This is standing and assessing future trends.

our decline is that engineers and innovators are the lowest paid of all the professions, with the results that engineering does not attract and cannot hold its fair share of bright young peo-

I think I'd better emigrate. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER COCKERELL, 16 Prospect Place, Hythe, Hent. August in.

Sir, 1 sympathise with the feelings of

There has to be a better, and more

Why, as a person who breeds ani-mals to be killed for us to eat, should she be so concerned about their death at ten days, or at a later time of her choosing? Presumably she does not shed tears for those she sends to the abattoir and which provide her livelihood. Perhaps her real concerns, not unreasonably, are exposed in her later paragraphs about "wrecking the agricultural economy" and "cheapest food in Europe".

That farming families are the victims of government muddle and complacency is regrettable, but crocodile tears about the early disappearance of a meal-ticket do not persuade.

> freedom can we expect in the future? Yours sincerely. KIT CONSTABLE MAXWELL. Garden Cottage, Itchen Stoke, Alresford, Hampshire.

> > August 17.

clines me to consider this to be the more likely explanation.

Yours faithfully. LESLIE BATHER, Headmaster. Bishopshalt School. Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

From Mr Clive R. Hart

August 17.

Sir, As the officer of the School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac) who drew up the ground rules for modular A levels in 1993, it seems to me that the key issue is whether A levels, modular or otherwise, are intended primarily to testify to subjectbased learning and scholarship, or to the ability to cope with a large amount of (last-minute) learning and assess-

ment all at one go.

Modular A levels are intended to support the former, their critics attach more weight to the latter, believing, in effect, that the ability to cope with multiple examinations is a better indicator of intellectual ability than the quality of the learning itself. Unfortunately, there is no evidence to sup-port or refute this view.

#### University places

From Mr Barrie Behenna

their degrees.

Sir, I see from your report, "Desperate students on college doorsteps" (August 17), that the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) has advised students so far without places that they should visit universities personally to advance their case with admissions tutors.

sors and are thus more than able to

overcome the handicap of having

been prepared only for easy A levels.

our most highly respected universities have suriously devalued the quality of

Another possible explanation is that

Or could it be that the decline in A-

level standards, if real, has been great-

ly exaggerated? My own observation

of the high quality of work produced by many of today's A-level students in-

May I offer other advice? Please do not do that. At this time universities are totally engaged in the difficult operation of balancing acceptable admissions standards against the finan-cial pitfalls of unfilled (or overfilled) places. Offers must therefore be subect to some kind of overall monitoring, and departmental freedom is reduced at this stage.

The appearance, perhaps in great numbers, of would-be students (many accompanied by parents) is not merely unhelpful, and indeed inequitable, but pointless. All cases at this time are determined on academic criteria, and the quasi-blackmail of a personal approach, with all the costs in travel that that may entail, is not to be recom-

Once again, it seems necessary to remind Ucas that its responsibilities cannot usurp those of the universities

Yours faithfully, R. B. BEHENNA (Academic Secretary). University of Exeter.

The Queen's Drive, Exeter, Devon.

Europe is derived from the election of the 15 national governments, not from the European Parliament, which does

not effectively control the Commis-

sion, let alone the Council of Minis-

That is an over-simplification. Such

parliamentary democracy as exists in

Europe rests on several foundations,

among them the election of 15 national

parliaments (not governments) and

on the direct election of the European

Parliament. Many other factors con-

tribute to democracy as we under-

stand it, chief among them the rule of

law, respect for human rights and a

As for control of the Commission

(the executive) by the European Par-

liament (the legislature), doubtless the

current negotiations in the inter-gov-

ernmental conference will result in a

strengthening of Parliament's powers

But to criticise the European Parlia-

ment for not controlling the Council of

Ministers is a paradoxical argument.

since the Council is also an arm of the

free press.

in that respect.

Rather than spend time on trying to decide whether modular A levels are easier or more demanding than their traditional counterparts, the resources of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority and others would surely be put to more effective use in trying to establish which approach re-sults in the better retention of learning

and its subsequent application, At least we would then have some idea on how well, or not. A levels are serving the country. Yours sincerely, CLIVE R. HART

(Assistant Chief Executive, Seac. 1988-93). 3 Cherry Tree Close, Hughenden Valley. High Wycombe. Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Paul Shepheard

Sir. Examinations do not test the quality of students - they test how well they have prepared for the exams. It is not surprising that exam grades are forever rising when the schools, which might otherwise devote themselves to educating their pupils, are instead concentrating on cramming them with curriculums. Perhaps pushy parents are to blame.

Yours sincerely. PAUL SHEPHEARD. 22 York Rise, NW5. August 15.

From Mrs Fletcher Hunt

Sir, John Humphrys ridiculed the notion on the Today programme this morning that A-level students are be-

coming brighter.
Surely if athletes are running faster and children are growing taller there is every reason to believe that children are becoming brighter too. Let us congratulate them on their good results.

Yours sincerely. PADDY HUNT, 35 Ponsonby Place, SWI.

## Foundation of European democracy

From Mr Michael Shrimpton

Sir, The Danish Supreme Court has decided that a case filed by II EU opponents questioning the constitution-ality of the Maastricht treaty ratification may be considered by a lower court (report, August 14). This is a landmark decision and is to be wel-

quires that ratification be in accordance with the "respective constitutional requirements" of each high contracting party: if the Danish ratification is now struck down by the courts. the treaty itself will be at risk. As I understand it, the substantive

issue will now proceed to the Eastern High Court in Copenhagen, subject to a further right of appeal to the Supreme Court, and there is no right of appeal to the Luxembourg Court. The interpretation of the Danish Constitution lies within the exclusive competence of the Danish courts.

The Danish courts have a reputation for integrity, independence and freedom from political interference unmatched by the courts of any European country. To those qualities we must now add fearlessness.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL SHRIMPTON. Francis Taylor Building, Temple, EC4.

From the Head of the UK Office of the European Parliament Sir. William Rees-Mogg ("No EMU

without a superstate". August 15) as-serts that "such democracy as exists in

legislature. It is for Council and Parliament to control the Commission. which - in their different ways - they Serious discussion about the future

of Europe's institutions should rest on as clear an understanding of their present roles as possible. Yours faithfully,

MARTYN BOND, Head, UK Office of the European Parliament 2 Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. August 15.

#### Northern stars

From Mr Alan Sykes

Skyspace".

Sir, Libby Purves writes of the distressing quantity of light pollution in the British Isles ("Under our starless skies", August 13) and fears that National Lottery money will go to projects that exacerbate this problem.

Here in the North of England we are taking steps that will, I am sure. meet with her approval. As part of the celebrations co-ordinated by Northern Sights for the Year of the Visual Arts, the charity that plans and develops cycle routes, Sustrans, has commissioned the Arizona-based artist James Turrell to create a "Pennine

This will be sited close to the coastto-coast cycle route on the Cum-bria/Northumberland border at the highest point of the North Pennines.

Sir, To electioneer by making a devil

of Tony Blair (letters, August 17) chal-

lenges the foundations of our system.

To boast the strength of one political

party against the weakness of another

is a shabby enough way to attempt to

appeal to intelligent voters; but to por-

If the new generation sees such de-

famation and ridicule what sort of a

forum for social, religious or political

tray opponents as evil is deplorable.

visitors to look up at the sky where there is less light pollution than anywhere else in England. I am pleased to add that the Arts

The skyspace will be a circular stone

structure with an open roof, forcing

Council recently allocated this project £80,000 from its section of lottery proceeds. Subject to planning consent from Eden District Council, the skyspace could be up by next summer. Last night I went up to the site and

watched some shooting stars seemingly coming from Cassiopeia. Next year perhaps Libby Purves will join me in watching the Perseid meteor shower from the skyspace. Yours faithfully, ALAN SYKES.

Portland House, New Bridge Street,

Northern Sights,

Newcastle upon Tyne.

Beach politics Devil politics From Mr Andrew From Mr Kit Constable Maxwell

Cunningham-Hughes Sir, Are holidays no longer safe from electioneering (report and leading article, August 16)? Now I am loath to book a trip to the Mongolian wilderness for lear of meeting Clare Short.

I remain, Sir, in the garden, ANDREW CUNNINGHAM-HUGHES,

Plantation Cottage. Cook's Pond Lane. Milland, West Sussex.

> Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

## Bratby's portraits

From Mr Michael Moynihan

Sir. Alan Franks's reference to the "more than 1,000 of the great, good, rich and royal" painted by John Brat-by (Magazine, August 10) reminded me of an interview I had with the artist in 1976 at his Blackheath studio. Standing in front of one of the dozens of portraits and self-portraits hanging or stacked against the walls, he said of the sitter: "I've been affected by presence more than any personality

I've painted." Earlier I had jointed Bratby at London Zoo, the sitter in question being Guy the gorilla, all 37 stone of him. broodingly gazing out from behind the bars of his cage as he had done for the previous 29 years. "I've been captivated by him, he has this enormous personal magnetism," Bratby said. What I feel when sketching Guy is the primitive side of man, of myself, and how his eyes are mirrors of the subconscious, of the beast-in-man,

held in check." A series of head-and-shoulder portraits of Guy formed the bulk of Bratby's next one-man show. They were priced at £400 each.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MOYNIHAN, Nutharch, Fletcher Close, North Mundham. Chichester, West Sussex. August 13.

## Fabians and monarch

From Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes.

MP for Wimbledon (Conservative) Sir. Why should the Fabian Society's plans to diminish the monarchy cause surprise (report, August 12; letters.

What could be a more logical step, following the Labour Party's policy to abolish the hereditary element in the House of Lords?

After all, there are many republicans in the Labour Party. Yours faithfully, CHARLES GOODSON-WICKES,

House of Commons. August 20.

From Miss Elizabeth Erskine Sir, With "supporters" like Mr Paul Richards, author of the fatest Fabian pamphlet, the Royal Family scarcely needs opponents.

Perhaps instead of scrapping God Save the Queen we had better reinstate its neglected second verse: O Lord our God, arise. Scatter her enemies And make them fall. Confound their politics.

God save us all. Yours sincerely. ELIZABETH ERSKINE, 16 Albert Street, Cambridge.

August 16. From Mr Andrew Lawton

On thee our hopes we fix,

Sir, Whatever the views of the Fabian Society, we Odinists - being polytheists - sing a slightly different version of the national anthem: Gods Save the Queen.

Yours faithfully, A. LAWTON, Magclough House, Main Road, Grindleford, Derbyshire. August 19.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

THATCHED HOUSE

LODGE August 20: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening visited the Silver Trust Exhibi-

tion. The Nation's Silver at Hamilton and Inches, George Street, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Dr John McKay).

#### Today's birthdays

Princess Margaret celebrates her 66th birthday today Mr John Austin-Walker, MP. 52; Dame Janet Baker, CH, opera singer, 63; Mr Christopher Brasher, Olympic gold medallist and former race director, London Marathon, 68; Mr Donald Dewar, MP, 59: Sir Ronald Garrick, managing director and chief executive, The Weir Group, 56; Mr Tony Girling, president, The Law Society, 53; Professor A.S. Goudie, geographer, 51; Sir Joshua Hassan, former Chief Minister of Gibraltar, 81; Mr

David G. Heywood, chairman. Remploy, 61: Miss Anne Hobbs, tennis player, 37; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 72; Dr T.P. McLean, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 66; Mr Barry Norman, broadcaster, 63; the Earl of Normanton, 51; Mr James Pawsey, MP, 63; Mr Kenny Rogers, country music singer, 55; Mr Peter Thurnham, MP, 58; Mr Sam Toy, former chairman, Ford Motor Company, 73; Lieuten-ant-General Sir Richard ant-General Vickers, 68.

#### Latest wills

Sir John Saye Wingfield Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, of Preston Št Mary, Sulfolk, left estate valued at £213,341

The Hon Christopher Anthony Robert Emmet, of Selhurst Park, Halnaker, Chichester, West Sussex, left estate valued at £365,830 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Count Jan Badeni, of Norton, Malmesbury, Wiitshire, left estate valued at £439,429 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Lady Coote, of Box, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £224,507 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

William Gomersall, of Middleton, fikley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,233,721

He left LL000 to each of the following: The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the White Rose Mark Ludge: The Preceptor and Khights of the Airedale Preceptory; Olicana Chapter, The Aireborough Camera

John Helliwell, of Halifax, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,029,034 net.

Apart from 170,000, equal shares in his remaining estate go to the following charties: Hailiax Parish Church, St Jude's Church, Hailiax, Sallors' Family Society of Newland, Collingham Road, Haili, Royal Coldingham Road, Hull. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. World Wildlife Fund UK, RNLL. Salvation Army, Dankey Sanctuary, Laidentigle Society for Continuing Ser of Overgale. Marie Curle Memorial Foundation, Bleakhol Animal Sanctuary, National Trust, Leonard Cheshire Foundation, Royal Star and Garter Home, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Other estates include (net be-

fore tax): Mr Donald Maurice Brown.

of Wimbledon, London SW20 £1.255,926. Mrs Kathrine Collinge, of Longridge, Lancashire

E825.861. Mrs Dorothy Mary Fortune, of Hale, Cheshire ..... £767,100. Mr William Gammell, of London NW11....... £2.407,542.

#### **Baroness Lloyd** of Highbury

The life barony conferred upon Dame June Kathleen Lloyd has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Lloyd of Highbury, of Highbury in the London Borough of Islington.

#### Reception

**British Safety Council** Mr John Bennett, of the British Safety Council's Board of Governors, was the host at a reception held vesterday at Armourers' Hall for the Diploma in Safety Management awards.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Francis de Sales. Doctor of the Church, near Annecy, France, 1567; William Murdock, inventor, Auchinleck, Strathclyde, 1754; King William IV, reigned 1830-37, Buckingham Palace, 1765; August Bournonville, writer, Copenhagen, 1805; Aubrey Beardsley, illustrator, Brighton, 1872; Count Basie, jazz pianist, Red Bank, New Jer-

sey, 1904. DEATHS: Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, writer, London, 1762; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, founder of the Royal

Institution, Auteuil, 1814; Selwyn Image, painter, Holloway, 1930; Constant Lambert, composer, London, 1951: Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor, London, 1959; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Embo, 1982.

Sam Browne of the 2nd Punjab Cavalry invented the belt that bears his name, 1858. The Cadillac Motor Company was formed. Detroit, 1901. Hawaii became the 50th state of the Union, 1959.

hours came into force, 1988.

British licensing laws allowing more flexible pub opening



Glancing at the gladioli on view at the RHS show: two Londoners, Debbie Goldstone, left, and Sue Purbrick

## Competition cuts show down to size

BY ALAN TOOGOOD HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

WITH several regional flower shows competing for exhibitors, the Royal Horticultural Society's London show, which opened yesterday, is rather smaller than usual. Basically a show of summer-flowering herbaceous plants, it has a sprinkling of exoties - cacti and

succulents, begonias and fuchsias. Ornamental grasses also feature prominently and in the collection from Hoecroft Plants, of Dercham, Norfolk, a huge specimen of Chionochloa rubra with thin arching leaves varying from olive green to deep yellow is creating a fountain-like centrepiece. It is particularly effective when grown in a container.

The zigzag bamboo, Phyllostachys aureosulcata "Aureocaulis", is included in the collection of bamboos and grasses from P. W. Plants, of Kenninghall, Norfolk. The orange gold stems have the unusual habit of growing in a zigzag pattern instead of straight.

Several new herbaceous perennials are being shown by Four Seasons, of Forncett St Mary, Norfolk, including an eye-catching helenium named "Biedermeier". Grawing to about 3ft in height, the flowers are zoned with crimson and gold. Several new Phlox paniculata cultivars are also creating interest, including "Lichtspel" which produces lots of small rose lavender flowers and is

reasonably resistant to mildew. Heather and Brian Hiley, of Wallington, Surrey, are showing tender and unusual perennials and grasses and their beautifully staged exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Sherston Parva Nursery, of Sherston, Wiltshire, is showing clematis, including several unusual species and cultivars. Clematis aromatica has small starshaped flowers marbled with purple and pale blue. The red pendulous bellshaped flowers of C. texensis "Princess of Wales" are particularly eye-catching.

Several competitions are being held with this show. In the Saintpaulia and Houseplant Society's competition, the best saintpaulia (African violet) in the show is "Chiffon Masquerade" with variegated foliage, shown by Margaret Reynolds, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The best houseplant is Alocasia amazonica whose large shield-shaped leaves have silver veins. Shown by Chris Christodoulog, of Twickenham, Middlesex, this houseplant is quite difficult to

grow as it requires plenty of warmth

In the RHS gladiolus competition Mr A. M. Hills, of Storrington, West Sussex. has won the Foremarke challenge cup for 12 cultivars. He has included some superb blue cultivars, such as "Violetta" (violet), "Blue Skies" (light and deep violet), and "Blue Frost" (pale blue and white). Mr Hills has also won a Simmonds medal for best small-flowered spike in the show with the primulinus cultivar "Tan Royal" (crimson, with tan flush). Mr S. Moorhouse, of Wanstead, London, has scooped a Simmonds medal for best large-flowered spike in the show with "Lowland Queen"

(pale pink with salmon throat). Mrs C. M. Bowerman, of Champs Hill, Coldwaltham, West Sussex, is the only exhibitor in the heather section of the RHS ornamental plants competition and has entered all II classes. She is showing some of her own cultivars of Erica cinerea - "Alfred Bowerman" (red), "Margaret Bowerman" (pale pink) and "Champs Hill" (deep pink).

The show, in the New Horticultural Hail, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

## **Royal Aeronautical Society**

The following have been elected as Fellows of the Society and may use the designatory letters FRAeS:

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Air Vice-Marshal Carey W
Adamson, Mohammed A Alkhaja,
Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, Richard Neil Andrew, William Henry Armstrong, Air
Commodore lan Harley Ashbrook, Norman R Augustine,
John Christopher Barker, Group
Captain Douglas Mitchell Barr,
Peter Beckett, Ernest John Stephen
Becklake, Walter Winant Bender,
Michael Briam Benow, Michael Michael Brian Benoy, Michael Leslie Bridgman, Dennis Meyer Bushnell. Geoffrey Prederick

Butler. John Campbell, Cheong Choong Kong, John Alexander Raymond Chisholm, Ernest Charles Clear Hill, David Ellis Colbourne, Timo-thy Charles Coltman, John Cyril Corby, Edward Thomas Curran,

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COFFEY - Bridget Ecsulind
18th July 1914 - 19th
August 1996. Wife of Brian,
soother of John, Many, Ann,
Joe, Peter, Agatha, Caltlin,
Dominic and Brigid Ann,
much loved by Many, St
Edmunds Church, The
Avenne, Southampton at 10
am Thursday 22nd August.

am Thursday 22nd Angust 19th Facility of the Comment. - On August 19th Phillip died peacerimity aged 57. Dear husband of the late Barbara, much loved father of Armahel, Miranda, James, and Michael, A Thanksgiring Sarvice for his life will be held at 3 ym on Tuesday 27th Angust at the Pacish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Widdington, Seffron Walden, Essan. No flowers piesse.

please.

DOMBER - Derek Young.

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Suddenly at home is Release
on 18th August 1996.
Devoted fither and husband.

Will be sadly missed by
Junifer and by Judith,
Simon, Matthew and Sally
sand their families. Fameni at
The Surrey & Sussex
Crematorium, nr. Crawley,
Tuesday, 27th August at
3pm. Flowers may be sent to
Stoneman Funeral Service,
Down Court, Redhill.

DAVIES - Lyon Myndin, on

Dozan Court, Rethill.

DAVIES - Ivor Myrddin, on 17th August, died peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, aged 83. Raloved Rusband for 61 years of Nellie, and father of Bill. Fizzend Service at Wesley Methodist Church, King Street, Cambridge on Tuesday 27th August at 2.15pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, at his request, but donations may be made to the Harrow Welsh Congregational Church, Lower Road, Rayrow, Middleser.

Davies, Air Commodore Terence Charles Davies, Robert Archer Group Captain Mohammad Javed Khan, Colonel Nicholas Paus Knudsen, Commodore Grenville Lamb-Hughes, James Douglas Lang, Robert Little, lan Anthony Davis, Carlos De Andres Ruiz, Thomas Andrew Drysdale, Martin John Earwicker, Stuart George Easthope, Jacobus Johannes Eksteen, Russell Wayne Elliot, Lloyd, Joseph Loughlan, Captain David George Lusher, Susan Peter David Ewins, Morris E Rhett Flater, Leroy Skip Fletcher. Mary Lyons. Brian John Main, Wing Com-mander Winston Leonard Martin Ehud Gartenberg, Barry Allan Geddes, David Martin Gibbons,

Mayer, John McGowan, Terence Peter McLoughlin, Christopher Douglas Metrose, Itilkhar Ahmed Mir, Air Vice-Marshal Manus Geddes, David Martin Gibbons, Waldemar Gustav Haese, Joseph A Hariand, Kelvin Prank Harrison, Noel Raymond Hartley, Dorothy Heien Harfield, Captain Neville James Hay. Geoffrey Hemingway, Kenneth Harry Heron, John Donald Hodgson, Group Captain Robert William Hooper, Philip Thomas Hopton, Leslie Owen Hudson, David Watson Hughes. Francis Moran, John Hedley Mounce. Amiruddin bin Mohd Nordin Noor, Kenneth Robert Arthur O'Brien. Michael Parry-Evaus, Christopher Pell, Howard William Perkins, Jean-Charles Poggi, Stan-ley Leonard Porter, Frank Price, Philip Riley, Captain Robert George Risso, Graham Martin

Rouse. Captain David Rowland.

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Simpson. Alan Sinon, Gordon John Nicol Smith, Keith Welton Smith, Michael Arthur Spencer. Air Vice-Marshal Anthony James Stables, Dr Ing Rolf Stuessel. Harminder Singh Takhar, Group Captain John Winston Thorpe, Roger Nicholas Tyte, Group Cap-tain Andrew Martin Verdon, Edward Anthony Ward, Kevin William Ward, David John Way,

Nigel Peter Weatherill, Trevor Wilcock, Brian Clappison Winch, Allan Kendal Winn, John Thomas Sheiswell (Oxford). Wolfe, David John Wright, Jan Robert Wright, A Thomas Young. The following have been elect-(Sheffield),

ed as Companions of the Society: Mary Sheila Goldring, Thomas Keith Lawrence.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C. Cox and Miss K.J. Edwards The engagement is announced between Andrew Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Cox.

of Middleton-on-Sea. Sussex. and Katharine Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Edwards, of Welwyn, Hernfordshire. Mr O.J.G. Harriev

and Miss LA. Dutton The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of the late Mr James Hartley and of Mrs Hartley of Chichester, Sussex, and Louise younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Dutton, of Iver. Buckinghamshire Mr M.A. Knight

and Miss H.A. Bowern
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Knight of Sunningdale, Berkshire, and Heather Ann. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Vivian Bowern, of Warbleton, East Sussex. Dr N.T. Ratcliffe

and Miss H.C. Barrett
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr and Mrs. Thomas Ratcliffe, of Leek. Staffordshire, and Helen, only daughter of Dr and Mrs David Rarrett, of Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr D.C. Spragg and Miss M. Arnison-Newgass The engagement is announced between David eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Spragg, of Worplesdon St Mary's, Surrey, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Arnison-Newgass, of Sherfield English, Hampshire.

Mr A.J.G. Stitt
and Ms H.M. Hardinge
The engagement is announced
between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs John Stitt, of Barnes, London, and Melissa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Hardinge, of Knutsford, Cheshire,

Mr M.J. Weaver and Miss M.J. Small The engagement is announced between Manhew, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.P.A. Weaver, of Dundee, and Mandy, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs J.R.

Small, of Edinburgh.

Mr G.N. Emerson and Miss S.M. Wadeson and Miss S.M. wadeson The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of Mr David Emerson, of Carle, Somer-set, and Mrs Margaret Whitfield, of Shillingford Abbot, Devon, and

Susanna, daughter of Mr Lionel Wadeson, of Richmond, Surrey and the late Mrs Wadeson. Mr J.H. Launders and Miss T.A. England The engagement is announced between Jason Harry, elder son of

Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) and Mrs N.H. Launders, of Peppard Common, Oxon, and Tracy Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. England, of Westhoughton. Lancashire.

#### Marriages

Mr J.R.W. Fellowes and Miss A.J. Nicol

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 17, at Murrayfield Church, Edinburgh, of Mr James Fellowes, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fellowes, of Newmarket to Miss Alison Nicol, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexandaughter of Mr and Mrs Accarder Nicol, of Edinburgh. The Rev Clarence Musgrave officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Nicholas

Fellowes was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal College of Physicians and the honeymoon will be spent

Mr C. Leverick and Miss S.M. McAllister

The marriage took place on August 13, in London, of Mr Christopher Leverick, younger son of the late Mr Stanley Leverick, and of Mrs Leverick, of Brandeston, Sulfolk, to Miss Susan Mary McAllister. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William McAllister, of Parbold, Lancashire.

Mr H, ap D.L. Morgan and Miss F.E.J. Lloyd The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 17, at St John the Divine, Richmond, Surrey, of Mr

Huw ap David Llewelyn Morgan, of Thaxted, Essex, to Miss Flona Eleanor Jane Lloyd, of Minety.

## Church news

Appointments The Rev John Rowland, Vicar, Fairfield (Liverpool): to be Vicar, Buckfastleigh

Prebendary Paul Smith, Rector, Torridge Estuary Team Ministry: to be Priest-incharge. St James. Exeter

The Rev Dr Dennis Stamps. Assistant Curate, St Mary. Moseley: to be Director, West Midlands Ministerial Training Course, Queen's College, Birmingham (Birmingham). The Rev Susan Watterson, Hon Curate, Castletown (Sodor and Man): to be Assis-

Paul, Clifton (Bristol). The Rev David Weir, formerly

St Francis, held in plurality (Portsmouth). The Rev Dr David Wenham,

to be also Associate Priest,

also Rural Dean of Hallam

diocese. The Rev Colin Way, Rector, Acle w Fishley (LEP) and

retire October 21.

Dean Prior (Exeter).

(Exeter).

ersity of Bristol, and Hon

Curate. St Michael and St Assistant Curate, St John the Baptist, Locks Heath: to be Assistant Curate, Warren Park, St Clare and Leigh Park,

Tutor. Wycliffe Hall, Oxford:

The Rev Philip West, Vicar, Stannington, Sheffield: to be The Rev Robert White, Vicar,

St Clare, Warren Park and Priest-in-charge, St Francis, Leigh Park: to be the incum-

bent, Warren Park, St Clare and Leigh Park, St Francis, held in plurality (Portsmouth). Prebendary John Widdas, Vicar. Tamworth: to be Vicar, Walsall Wood (Lichfield).

#### Resignations and

The Right Rev John Bone, Suffragan Bishop of Reading, diocese of Oxford: to retire December 31.

The Rev Richard Davison, Vicar, Streatley w Moulsford (Oxford): to retire December

Canon Peter Hearn, Vicar, Burton on Stather w Normanby, Thealby and part of Coleby and Flixborough (Lincoln): to retire September

The Rev Eric Last, Vicar, All Saints, South Merstham (Southwark): retired May 31. The Rev Michael Unwin, Vicar, St Gabriel, Heaton and Acting Dean of Newcastle East (Newcastle): to retire October 31.

The Rev Elsie Watson, Assistant Curate, Saints Paul and Silas, Lozells (Birmingham): to retire September 30, with permission to officiate, same

North Burlingham and Rural

Dean of Blofield (Norwich): to

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| BIRTHS  AGER - On August 17th at The   | 14th, to Lee and Eric Mison,<br>a beautiful daughter is<br>welcowed to the world.  |   |
| Portland Rospital, to Jill<br>Johnson and John Ages, a<br>daughter, Lilian Rachel, a<br>sister to Harry and Freddis.   | RAE-On August 16th, to Flona<br>(nose Watt) and Alistais, a<br>son, Alexander William.   |   |
| 1996, to Helen (ase Miles)<br>and Steve, a daughter, Glivia<br>june, a sister for Edward.<br>CHRESTRE - On August 13th at                                    | SCHOLEFFELD - On August<br>14th 1996, to Helen (note<br>Marshall) and Mark, a<br>daughter, Hannah Bethan, s  |   |
| The Fortland cospital, and giona (née Smith) and Michael, a wonderful son, 1996 in Maine, U.S.A., to Charlotte, wife of Mark, a son, Charles.                | DEMERT-ALVES - On August<br>19th at St Mary's Hospital,<br>London, to Catarina<br>Alexandra and Frank, a<br>beautiful daughter, Melisea                                    |   |
| FITZGERALD - On August 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Robyn (née Coltman) and Michael, a daughter, Taza, a siste ou Alacanda.                             | YOURG - Adam on Angest 17th<br>at The Portland Bespital, to<br>Sheri and Mark Young, a<br>brother for Javel.   | • |
| Tate (née Getley) and<br>Alastair, a daughter, Ella<br>for Louis and Fargus.   | MARRIAGES  |   |
| HAYNES: - On August 17th at<br>The Fortland Rospital, to<br>Mary (note Mulh) and Tim, a<br>son, Rowley, a brother for<br>Jack.<br>HAYTON - On August 16th at | massessis darland - on 17th August 1996 at Somethill. Toubridge, Alan, son of Ronald and Trombe Elibens of Southfleet, to Louise, daughter of Graham and Gloria Garland of |   |
| The Portland Hospital, to Carrie (née McAuley) and Mira, a perfect daughter, Cass and the team!  | Paraingham, Kent.  |   |
| 14th 1996, to Nicola (note<br>Salter) and Guy, a daughter,   | DEATHS   |   |
| 10th at The Fortland<br>Hospital, to Sherri and<br>Mark, a beautiful daughter,<br>Esphaella Helen (Elis).  | gmits - On 14th August 1996 poncefully at home Mary Stowell aged 70 years of Southleigh, Devon. Wife of the International Service to be held at St Lawrence's              |   |
| 11/CAS - On August 14th 1996,<br>in Rong Kong, to Heather<br>(née Boya) and Crispin, a<br>son, william Mallorie.<br>MARCHBANK - On 19th                      | Charch, Sguthleigh on<br>Teesday 27th August at<br>2pm. No flowers by request<br>please but donations if<br>desired for the Seaton<br>Hospital At Home Service             |   |
| August, to Nigel and Jacqui, j<br>a sou, james Louis, a brother j<br>for Harry.<br>McClivTY - On 20th August,  | may be given at the Service or sent clo Overmass & Chapple (Funerals), Chapple Court, Queen Street, Seaton, EX12 2RB, tel: (01297)   |   |
| to Enema (nose Benchett) and<br>Scan, a daughter, Erin Sarah.  | 20644.   |   |

## DEATES DEATHS DEATHS BRITTOM - Basil, Friest, beloved husband of Esse, passed away on 18th August after a long filmes. Frivate cromation on Tuesday 27th August followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon at 57 Marks, Source End, Bucks. Everyone welcome. Family flowers only, but dountions may be made to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London Wilm OSD. Enquiries to G. Smith Funeral Directors (01628) GryN - Rabbi Hogo Gryn CHE died pescefully after a short illness on 18th August, 1996. Fameral Service at West London Synagogus, 36 Upper Serkeley Street, Landon, WI on Wednesday 21st August 1996 at 112 noon. Frayers at the Synagogue on Wednesday 21st August at 630 pm and Thursday, 22nd August at 630 pm. Meanorthis Service to be atmosphered.

Air Commodore Niall Ronald Irving, Professor Peter Swiftsure

EVANS - The Very Bryesund Thomas Eric, KCVU, Dean of St Pani's, on 17th August, aged 68, beloved husband of Linda and father of Alex and George. Everyone will be welcome at the funeral, a celebration of Requiem Eucharist in Gloucester Cathedral at 11.30 am on Wednesday 28th August. Donations in Heu of Howers to St Marthew's Children's Fined (Ethiopia), 5 Cherington (Ethiopia), 5 Cherington Close, Russipherpoint, Eric 9AV. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Paul's Cathedral at 5 ym on Monday, 30th September. "And denth shall have no dominion". Mill - Jane (née Warren) suddenly at home on 19th August 1996 aged 78 years. Fuseral service will take place at St Mary the Heaped Virgin Church, Punchnowie, Dorset on Tweeday 27th August at 2 pts followed by private cremation. Flowers or densitions to the Salvation Army clo A f Wakely & Sons. 91 East Street, Bridgort Dattet. Flowers by 10 am pleases.

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Much missed by his friends
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FOSTER - On August 19th 1996, pencarally in hospital. Lt. Colonal Owin Foster of Ardbracaran House, Navan, Co. Meath, Ireland. Aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Pat and dearly loved father and stepfather of Caroline, Bobin and Michael. Funeral service at 12 o'clock (nowa) on Thurstay August 22nd, in Donaghpatrick Church, followed by private cremetion.

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JEFFARD - We are said to announce the death of Reginald Jeffard on 15th August 1976. The family wish to think all his friends for their loving support.

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minuscom - himy Amgela (née Tolhurst) aged 84 years, wife of the lass Kenneth S. Robinson. Much loved nother of Sussa, janet and licky, gendandres of Paul, Rutie, Serah, Claire and Jessica. Died on Angest 19th in hospital after an illange barvely bones, she will be andly missed by all her family and friends. Femual Mass at All Saints Critolic Church, Oxted, on Friday 23rd August at 12 soon. Family flowers only, but dennitions if desired to Cauche Insearch of Shiret Passari Directors, Eigh Street, Limpofish, East Off.

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STARLER - On Angust 20th aged 97 years, Donothy (note Challenor) of Jesmond, Rewcastle upon Tyne, wife of the late Frank. A dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Priends planes meet at West Road Cranatodium, Newcastle, on Friday 23rd August at 3.15pm. 3.15pm.
THOMAS - On 17th August at Bridgenead, Both, Lucy Briton, aged 98, late of Ewelme, Oxfordskire, widow of Canon Kenneth St. Clair Thomas. Beloved by her children, grandchildren and children, grandchildren and grast-grandchildren. Cremetton at Haycombe, Esth, on Tuenday 27th August at 1 pm. Thankspiring in Eveline Church to be announced. Ounciden may be seen

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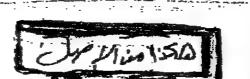
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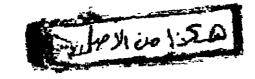
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WOODERIDGE - On August 14th suddenly at Gerards Cross, Parricia Madeleine, widow of John Nicholas. Salowed mother of Tony and Nicholas and pulored yandmother of Stefan, Liea and Christian. Nicholas and belayed yandmother of Stefan, Ikan and Christian. Funetal Service at All Saints Church, Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter, at 12 noon on Friday August 23rd and afterwards at Tile House. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Doctor Pye and Partners Asthma Clinic and all anguiries to ELC Grimsteed Ltd., tek (01753) 891200.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS . HOOPER - Bossmarie and the family of the late Allan Hooper, who died 26th July 1996 wish to express their sincere thanks to all who attended the funeral service, also for the floral urbures, mersages of sympathy and donations for The Ian Rennie Hospice at Home Fund.

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## **OBITUARIES**

## BRIGADIER ROY SMITH-HILL

Brigadier Roy Smith-Hill, CBE, Royal Marines, Combined Operations staff officer, died on August 4 aged 99. He was born on May 5. 1897

oy Smith-Hill was the last surviving officer of the oth Battalion Royal Marines Light Infantry, a formation that was deployed to North Russia in July 1919. This was done under circumstances which were to end in a disgrace deeply felt by a corps which had such a reputation for discipline and steadiness under fire.

After the collapse of Tsarist Russia, Britain's North Russia Expeditionary Force was initially designed to prevent Germany capturing the ports of Murmansk and Archangel and advancing through Finland. The end of the First World War saw some 200,000 foreign troops in Russia, including 20,000 British; the threat had ceased to be Ger-man and had become Bolshevik,

But an international policy to support the White Russians and, in Churchill's words, "to strangle at birth the Bolshevik State" became increasingly unpopular in Britain. In January 1919 the Daily Express was probably echoing public opinion when it said that the frozen plains of Eastern Europe are not worth the bones of a single grenadier".

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it was in this social and political climate that the 6th Battalion was scratched together from a company of the Royal Marine Artillery and companies from each of the three naval port depots. Very few of their officers, including Smith-Hill, had seen any land lighting. Their original purpose had, in any case, been merely to deploy to Flensburg to supervise a plebiscite to decide whether Schleswig-Holstein should be German or Danish, and their training in

"aid to the civil power" reflected this. Many of the Marines were under 19 years old and customarily not employed

overseas, while others were exprisoners of war and believed themselves exempt. All recognised that Britain was not at war with Russia.

There was thus a crisis of morale when, at short notice, they were shipped instead to Murmansk to assist in the withdrawal of British forces. Still not expecting to do any fighting, the battalion was ordered forward under army command to hold certain outposts and, on August 28, 1919, to take the village of Koikor from the "Bolos", as the Bolsheviks were known,

The attack in company strength was not pressed home effectively and resulted in three men killed and 18 wounded, including the banalion commander who had somewhat ineffectually led the attack himself. Equipped with machineguns and artillery, the Bolsheviks were very far from being the disorganised rabble that had been expected. A week of sporadic operations revealed the battalion's low morale and lack of experience at all levels, with several incidents of indiscipline and lack of aggressive spirit.

Smith-Hill's company was then ordered to take the same village and was repulsed; the battalion adjutant was killed and both the company officers: senior to Smith-Hill incapacitated. Now in charge of the company, Smith-Hill held the position for two hours until ordered to retire.

The next day, faced with a further attack. Smith-Hill's company refused to obey orders, and withdrew from the front line. Smith-Hill pursued them and ordered them to fall in, telling them that they would all be court-martialled. And, indeed, 93 men from the banalion were tried by court martial; 13 were sentenced to death and others received substantial sentences of penal servitude.

For their lack of leadership. all the officers, save two, suffered penalties such as dismissal; Smith-Hill received an expression of Their Lordships' severe displeasure.

In the event, the acquittal of



Marine who was later tried at Chatham after recovery from a wound cast doubt on the proceedings: a series of petitions and parliamentary questions resulted in the withdrawal of the death sentences and the reduction of the rest. Smith-Hill's request for a court martial to clear his name

was refused. He afterwards wrote: "If an

unbiased inquiry had been held in England, the battalion might have been shown up as second-rate, but not cowardly and mutinous." A contempo-

raising and training this temporary battalion, given its eventual employment. Roy Smith-Hill was born in

Aspatria, Cumberland, his

rary Admiralty minute ac-

knowledged a lack of care in

natural staff officer, with a talent for orderly planning and an ability to persuade others by charm or, if that failed, by personality, he was in important posts for the abortive attack on Dakar in September 1940, the assault landings at Algiers during Operation Torch, and the sub-

being appointed to the Army Staff College in 1935.

in staff and regimental posts.

for what was to be his major

There then followed four

sequent invasion of Sicily in July 1943. His experience was put to good use on the staff of the Director of Combined Operations at the Admiralty before and after D-Day. After the war he commanded the Infantry Training Centre at Lympstone and, although allegedly liable to stand to attention when hear-

ing Rule Britannia played, he was finally Commandant of the Royal Marine School of Music and oversaw the amalgamarion of the school at Burford with that at Deal. He retired in 1950, having been appointed CBE in 1946. Always a Cumberland man. he retired to his old home at Braithwaite with its view of Skiddaw and for a few years

took up chicken farming which "didn't really help the pension much". He was also the County Cadet Commander for four years and a Deputy Lieutenant for Cumberland from 1955 to 1973, resigning to make space for younger men when the county was combined with Westmorland to form Cumbria.

He was Area Civil Defence Officer for six years, a president of the local cricket club and a churchwarden. Blessed with remarkable recall and a sound old-fashioned education at Seascale and St Bees, he was able even in old age to recite poetry in English, Greek and Latin, and was a re-

nowned storyteller.
His wife By Dued in 1974 and he is survived by their two suns and two daughters.

## **COLIN HAMPTON**



The Griller Quartet with Colin Hampton (right)

Colin Hampton, cellist, died on August 10 in Oakland, California, aged 85. He was born in London on June 6, 1911.

THE death of Colin Hampton breaks the last link with one of the linest string quartets of the century. As cellist of the Griller Quariet. Hampion toured the world, giving more than 3,000 concerts between 1928 and 196). He and his colleagues - violinists Sidney Griller and Jack O'Brien, and violist Philip Burton - introduced generations of music lovers to the intimate pleasures of the quartet repertory. They played for Queen Elizubeth (now the Queen Mother) at Buckingham Palace in 1940. while Augustus John painted her portrait, and for the delegates at the Potsdam Conference in 1945.

The son of an organist. Colin Hampton took up the cello at the relatively late age of 12 attending the Herbert Walenn Cello School in London. When Hampton entered the Royal Academy of Music at the age of 16. Walenn continued to tutor him. He and his three future partners first played together as students in the chamber music class of the legendary violist Lionel Tertis, who encouraged them to form a permanent string quartet.

Other than the Amadeus Ouartet, no other British string quartet has remained together for longer while keeping the same personnel. Their well-received London debut in 1928 was followed in 1930 by their first tour of Europe and in 1938-39 by a successful tour of the United States.

During the Second World War the quartet joined the musical es RAF, working alongside the pianist Denis Matthews and the horn player Dennis Brain, and also appearing at the National Gallery concerts or-

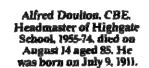
ganised by Dame Myra Hess. As well as most of the standard quartet repertoire. the Griller Quarter also played a good deal of modern music and formed links with contemporary composers. Among those with whom they were associated were Edmund Rubbra, Arnold Bax. and, especially, Ernest Bloch, who wrote his Third String Quartet (1952) for them and whose Fourth (1953) and Fifth (1956) quartets they also premiered and recorded. Arthur Bliss was another who wrote various works for the Griffers. including his Second Quarter. and they in turn marked the bowing of his Music for Strings (1935). In 1932, with Leon Goossens, they gave the premiere of Benjamin Britten's *Phantasy* for oboe

and guartet. After a visit to the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, California, in 1947. the Griller Quartet were invited to become quartet-in-residence at the University of California at Berkeley. There were occasional forays to other parts of the world, including a 25th anniversary recital in the Festival Hall in 1953, but they remained in California until the death of Philip Burton in 1961, when the surviving members decided to disband.

Hampton was settled in the New World and quickly found a niche for himself as a teacher. Latterly he composed a great deal, often writing for small string forces or arranging works for multiple cellos. During the past year he had arranged the Holy Sonnets of John Donne for tenor and string orchestra. They were given their first performance

two months ago at Berkeley. Colin Hampton was three times married. He is survived by his third wife, Megan Dalton, and by two sons from his first marriage, one of whom, lan, is a professional cellist in Vancouver.

## ALFRED DOULTON



ALFRED DOULTON was one of London's leading headmasters, to whom it fell to guide Highgate School through nearly 20 years of postwar expansion and development. Perched on the brow of Highgate Hill, the school went through a remarkable period of growth in the 1950s and 1960s. Doulton presided over the building of a new dining hall and swimciming pool, new tennis and squash courts and, in 1964 to commemorate the school's 400th anniversary - the addition of a music and arts centre. Dyne House.

On his retirement in 1974

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Doulton accepted an invitation to join the Independent Schools Information Service [}513) une body created promote the interests of Britain's fee-paying schools, while also helping to advise prospective parents.

As comptroller of Isis for the next six years Doulton, with his head for figures and business acumen, helped to set the organisation on its feet. He also pioneered its annual census, providing reliable statisties on independent schools for the first time. Doulton, who also served as

vice-chairman of the Headmasters' Conference in 1967 and was its treasurer for ten years, was held to be an outstanding example of a classicist who was able to apply his mind to practical matters. When the Conservatives won

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control of Haringey council, they persuaded him in 1908 to become an alderman - and to be on the education committee as vice-chairman.

Doulton accepted the invitation only after the governors of Highgate had endorsed it. It was felt that his experience and energy might help to raise standards in state schools. But headmaster a those were the days of student riots and "sit-ins" (not least at requiring Doulton on one

occasion to arrive home with a police escort. He left the council without regret after three years. Alfred John Farre Doulton, whose great-grandfather founded the Doulton china firm, was born in Dulwich,

south London, where his father was a housemaster at Dulwich College. He became a day boy in his father's house before winning a classical scholarship to Brasenose College. Oxford. His first teaching post was as assistant master at

father being the principal of

the local agricultural college.

During the First World War

he served in battleships of the

Grand Fleet. In 1922, while in

the light cruiser Carysfort, he

took part in the extensive

naval operations which at-

tempted to restrain Kemal

Ataturk's ambitions in Thrace.

He later served in the

battlecruiser Hood, before

Uppingham School, where he also ran the Officers' Training Corps with the rank of captain. But in 1940 he left to join the Army. Starting in the Oxfordshire

and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, he transferred to The Royal Welch Fusiliers and commanded "young soldier units" for a time, guarding airfields and other vital installations. In 1943, however, after

going through Staff College, he left to serve in India as a staff officer. He subsequently served on the Adjutant-General's and Quartermaster-General's staffs in 11th Army Group and saw active service with the 23rd Indian Division in Burma, Malaya and Java. He was appointed OBE (mil) and was twice mentioned in dispatches before being demobilised in 1946 as a lieutenant-colonel. Returning to Uppingham, he was head of classics and housemaster of The Lodge for the next nine years before being appointed

**RUSSIANS MARCH INTO** 

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague radio announced early today that

roops of the Soviet Union, Poland and east

Germany started to cross the Czechoslovak

horder at 11 o'clock last night without the knowledge of the Czechoslovak President, the

Chairman of the National Assembly, or the

First Secretary of the Communist Party of

munist Party appealed to all people of Czechoslovakia not to resist the advancing

troops and said the National Assembly and the

Central Committee of the Communist Party

Neither the Czechoslovak Army nur the

People's Militia had been called out to delend

The broadcast came at 2 u.m. today over the

direct broadcast network of Radio Prague. An

announcer started to broadcast a statement

about a meeting of the Czechoslovak Praesidum before the radio went dead.

There was unusual activity at Prague

The broadcast said that the entry of Russian.

Polish and east German troops into Czecho-

slovakia without permission "goes against the

airport, with jet lighters apparently landing.

the country, the broadcast said.

had been called to meet to discuss the

The Praesidium of the Czechoslovak Corn-

Czechoslovakia.

He wrote two books: The

23rd Indian Division in 1951 and Highgate School 1938-44. the story of the school's wartime evacuation to Westward Hol in Devon.

Doulton had a first-class

mind which he exercised every morning by polishing off The Times crossword in his study. He also had a famous sense of fun which he practised in mischievous letters to his friends. But professionally he was a traditionalist, who strove to win Oxbridge scholarships for his school and was perhaps rather too prone to regard this type of achievement as the benchmark of

He played the trombone in school orchestras, served as commodore of the sailing club in Salcombe - where he lived in retirement - and travelled the world as an amateur ornithologist until cancer during the last 18 months of his life restricted him to watching the birds in the bird-bath outside his window.

He was passionately fond of cricket. He played for Dulwich and Brasenose, just missed a Blue and turned out for the staff XI at Highgate. His last words were "Good ondrive, Stewart" as England's opening batsman powered his way to a century in the second Test match against Pakistan. He first met his wife Daph-

ne when she went Uppingham School to watch her brother playing cricket for the Colts tto whom Doulton was the coach). They married in 1940 and she survives him, together with their four sons and a daughter.

## JIM NICHOLSON

Jim Nicholson, former art director of the National Trust for Scotland, died on July 25 aged 71. He was born on December 21, 1924.

AN ACCOMPLISHED artist. Jim Nicholson managed the art department of the National Trust for Scotland for 20 vears. He brought a freshness of vision to his department and was responsible for updating and upgrading many of its publications.

He loved the Scomish land-

scape and would walk the moors as often as he was able, later painting what he saw. He staged several Edinburgh exhibitions of watercolours of the Highlands and Western Isles, and produced a series of limited edition prints. But he also became known for the eclectic shows in which he would screen his own slides and tell stories from the Western isles. These, whether they were held in Edinburgh's Usher Hall or in little town halls on the island of Harris. consistently attracted enthusiastic audiences. Nicholson always donated the proceeds to charity.

Born in Yorkshire, James Hugh Nicholson was educated at Prince William Gram-

mar School, Otley. After a few months in banking it was a relief to him to be called up into the RAF in the last years of the war. As a radio operator he flew in the destructive bombing raid on Dresden on the night of February 13-14. 1945, the horror of which scarred him for the rest of his

After working in advertising he joined the National Trust for Scotland in 1964 as its first artist-designer. One of his earliest tasks was to persuade the Trust to set up a special studio to cope with its rapidly expanding design work. He remained there as its director

until his retirement in 1983. Aside from his painting and photography. Nicholson played the accordion with great verve and enthusiasm, and in the 1950s he formed his own Scottish country dance hand - affectionately known as "The Jim Nick Band". Together the group made several records. He was also one of the early members of the Silver Cross Club, formed by a group of young Edinburgh people to entertain visitors to the Festival and introduce them to Scottish music, songs and dance.

Nicholson remained unmarried.

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# Living in the new space age

only for the tidy. In this Modernist architect's new development in Pollen Street, London Wi, the eight flats feature hidden sliding doors. They peel back to create open-plan spaces obliterating the divisions between bedrooms, sitting rooms and

The conversion of a former office building developed by Jeremy Samuels of Samson Properties will be ready in the autumn: flats will be offered from £230,000 through the agent Winkworth. The showers are circular, the baths of limestone, the walls stark and white, and the scheme marked throughout by its absence of door knobs, cornicing or architectural frills. It is a case of Minimalism par excellence, what Doris Saatchi described as "freedom from the tyranny of knick-knacks".

As Herbert Ypma points out in his new book, London Minimal, London leads the world in its Minimalist approach. A small crop of London architects and designers led by John Pawson, Stanton Williams, and Mark Guard are exponents of the theory that in the chaotic hustle and bustle of urban life, one's home must be a serene retreat.

Sue Crewe, the editor of House and Garden, says: "As out there be-comes more challenging — more to do, more choice, more information, more traffic, more people, more fear - so we need our homes to be serene and safe. Pale, uncluttered interiors are appearing, not at the whim of interior decorators pronouncing The Nineties are neutral but because of an instinctive need for our houses to be more tranquil."

The quickest way to serenity is to banish clutter in favour of the luxury of space. Minimalism may seem to be about having less but, as Mr Guard says, it is about providing more options. "My work is not a process of reduction," he says. "It is one of addit-ion. I believe that I add extra functions to a house. People can change the way they use my rooms. Giving my clients the chance to change the

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In an earlier Guard project in Paris, one small space was unified by a stone-tiled floor that ran out to include a terrace. Press a button, and a slah of previously hidden wall slides out to enclose a bedroom, so an unexpected guest can be accommodated. Though the glass wall of the bathroom provides a greater sense of space, it seems to lack in privacy. But at the push of yet another button, the

clear glass becomes opaque.

The second characteristic of this band of Minimalists is to stress the quality of the materials used in their developments. So in Pollen Street, for example, the stress is on the lime-stone baths and the birchwood floors.

ronically, such a movement had its origins in London, home of chintz and cluttered houses. Yet as Mr Ypma points out, the cosiness we associate with our domestic interiors is relatively new. Until 50 years ago, England was seen as the home of advanced technology. so much so that the American author Ralph Waldo Emerson could talk about the country's "passion for

utility".

Mr Ypma says: "A minimal approach is much more part of the national character than people imagine, from the restraint of Georgian London's Classicism to the high-technology standardisation of the Industrial Revolution.

This passion was taken by Britain in the work of George Gilbert Scott, through the Festival of Britain in the 1950s and on into the 1960s when London again scooped the world with Terence Conran's Habitat, which was the first chain of shops to take the principles of good design to the

● London Minimal, by Herbert Ypma, is published by Thames and Hudson



Hilary Billinger, who has lived in this Mark Guard-designed house in north London since 1992

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signed house in Kensal Rise, north London, since 1992.
"Thanks to the glass, there is masses of light, which makes it a very warm place to be in."

The lack of clutter is relaxing. "You are not always having to pick things up," says Mrs Billinger, a 37-year-old BBC employee. "The house is cleverly designed so that there is masses of storage space."

Both Mrs Billinger and her husband Steve came from Canada, which she thinks has inspired her desire for

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think traditional Victorian houses in London tend to have small rooms to hold the heat," she says. "We yearned for space."

The house has folding doors that can enlarge or reduce the size of the rooms, and four bedrooms upstairs

reduce the size of the rooms, and four bedrooms upstairs have been knocked into one living area.

When the Billimgers moved in, they did not have any children. Now they plan the house with children in mind. Since the arrival of their first baby five weeks ago, they are considering whether or not they will have to move. "It is okay for the moment." Mrs Billinger says, "but in the future she might fall down the stairs, to which a stairgate cannot be fitted, and there are glass walls."

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## Rooms with a view to improvise

good collection of Minimalist houses is for sale, Conan Walsh writes. Knight Frank 10171-480 6848) is asking £845,000 for a flat at St Peter's, 25-29 Henrietta Square, London WC2. Designed for the existing owner by Philip Gumuchdjian and decorated in an unadorned style by Anna Norman, the flat has views of the historic gardens of St Paul's Church. The spa-cious, double-height reception area leads via a sliding oak door into the master bedroom and dressing room, and a timber, steel and glass smircase leads to the mezzanine study or sec-

and bedroom. Knight Frank's books can also boast that rare thing: a Minimalist conversion outside London. About £500,000 will buy you Strood Place in Warnham. West Sussex, Externally, care has been taken to retain the old-world charm of this country house, and the gardens and courtyard remain highly formalised. But the interior has been redesigned to give a new owner almost endless scope improvisation, and walls have been demolished to provide larger spaces. in London, Savills (0171-

824 9033) is selling the newly rebuilt 39 Queen's

Grove, St John's Wood, for £2.25 million. Behind a stucco-fronted period façade. the house has been enlarged to accommodate at least five bedrooms. The reception areas are open-plan and the lower-ground floor can be opened out into one reception area, leading to the garden. The area could also be divided to provide a dining room with a high ceil-

ing.
The Manhattan Loft Corporation (0171-031 1888) specialises in buying, firing and selling shell apartments, often converted from redundant commercial and industrial buildings, en-abling buyers to define their own space. The company has redeveloped the former Marquee club in Richmond Mews, Sohu, into a building which now houses not only Sir Terence Conran's Mezzo restaurant but 28 flats (priced at between £88,000 and £700,000) and three penthouses £850,000 to £2.5 million).

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ou would think that any nation willing to entrust its fate to Helmut Kohl already showed quite a rugged sense of humour, but the Germans just don't see it that way.

Germans, according to a weekend newspaper report, are so desperate to develop a nose for madcap fun that they are scouring Britain for sit-coms and sit-com writers. But what does that prove that British sit-coms are king of the heap? Or does it merely underline - as critics of British sit-coms would probably argue - quite how clueless Germans are when it comes to knowing what's funny and what isn't?

There are only two hit German comedies: the Harald Schmidt Show, styled on David Letterman, and Samstag Nacht, based on America's Saturday Night Live. This is why

ZDF and RTL, the state-owned German television stations, have been sent to frisk the Edinburgh Festival for hot comedians and scriptwriters who can craft Ger-many's first situation comedies: the sort of thing Germans like are Fawlty Towers, the slapstick of Mr Bean, Blackadder and the bad behaviour of Ab Fab.

All very watchable, of course. But what else is there lower down the British batting order? Are there many other current or recent triumphs - or are the critics right

when they say that the best British sit-coms now live in the archives, alongside Faulty Towers, Dad's Army. Hancock. Steptoe and Son and Porridge?

Today the big noise in sit-coms is made by the top American imports such as Friends, Seinfeld, The Larry Sanders Show, Frasier, Roseanne and the late, much lamented Cheers. What chips can British sitcom producers throw into this pot?

Simon Nye's Men Behaving Badly has done spectacularly enough at home to arouse interest abroad, and an Americanised version will take a bow on NBC this autumn. But American highbrows. used to the sly wordplay of Seinfeld and Friends. and maybe less used to the slapstick and bottom jokes that are a staple of British sitcoms, are already getting sniffy about the arrival of Men Behaving Badly.

Elaine Showalter, Professor of Literature at Princeton and TV critic of People magazine. is aghast. "The characters are stereotypes, the jokes predictable," she sniffs. The best and most successful American sit-coms, like Friends and Seinfeld, are superbly written: each episode usually has three plot lines that are brought together in the most ingenious way. Such subtlety is beyond Nye." Yikes!

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Even The Economist recently found itself fretting about the British sit-com's chances against all the heavyweight American competition. Its conclusion about the cutthroat sit-com world was that working out "which succeed, and why, seems as mysterious as ever". Though maybe not quite so mysterious in the case of such sad British stabs as Nice Day at the Office, Oh Dr Beeching and others too grim to recall.

Champions of the American sit-com (we must keep reminding ourselves that brilliant as Seinfeld and Cheers might be, we see only the cream of the crop here) argue that the group-writing technique, combined with the practice of rewriting right up to the last minute, will obviously produce sharper, tighter scripts. It is hardly a very new idea: the German-born film-maker Ernst Lubitsch

took months to polish his jokes, constantly sending back drafts to writers with the accented reproof: Funny, yes. But is it hilahrious?" Well, Cheers and Seinfeld and Friends might not solve the world's problems, but they are more often "hilahrious" than

much of the current British crop. And it is not just Yankee boasting. Even Simon Nye rates Friends "a masterpiece of deft humour. Returning recently

from a trip to American sit-comland, Sue Teddern, who writes for Birds of a Feather, cooled that Friends "isn't just hunny, it's funny in a cool, confident, we don't have to try-hard kind of way ... it's too easy to dismiss the American process as a big-scale production line, compared to our cute cottage industry. Whatever they're doing, they're doing it right because of their approach, not despite it."

hat's the trick? Whereas the best American sit-coms are certainly more daring, sophisticated, intelligent, metropolitan, fresh and adult, as well as being funny, their English rivals are still peopled with characters who huff and mug and panic histrionically like Terry Scott in Terry And June, who say "Ooch, I say" and smirk suggestively when someone asks them if they've got a Curly-Wurly in their pocket, and who act in the exaggerated gestures of provincial panto performers.

But why can't Germans norture homegrown funny talent? According to Andreas Rolf, who writes for Germany's equivalent of Radio Times, German humour today is stodgy because it lacks Jewish bite "Our culture has suffered from the loss of the sharpness, the Jewish wordplay, the verbal duelling." Now that really is funny. Even to Lubitsch. Actually, it's even a little spooky.

## A drink to your health, Oz

THERE was a spine-chilling moment for Alan Yentob, the BBC's newly appointed director of programmes, last week. At the unveiling of the not-sogripping daytime schedule at Television Centre, all was going marvellously until Pat Smylie, the veteran freelancer. piped up with a question about the BBCs new programme Style Challenge, which offers fashion and hair makeovers to prison officers and frustrated housewives. Tell me. Mr Yentob, how come you are still listing Oz Clarke as one of your presenters when he was in fact murdered last week?" she

Panic flickered across Mr Yentob's handsome features and his eyes darted from one aide to the next as collective sniggers were stifled. But after a hasty word in his ear from a press officer, the famous Yentob smile returned. The hapless Ms Smillie had confused wine expert Oz Clarke,

star of Food and Drink, with Ossje Clarke, the Sixties fashion designer stabbed to death at his home earlier this month.

 MUCH as she yearns to be left alone to enjoy a life of privacy, the Duchess of York's arm has been sufficiently twisted into giving her first live interview in America to Diane Sawyer, the TV host.

In a show which coincides with the launch of her autobiography on November 13, the Duchess will no doubt open her heart about how she has coped with relentless media intrusion into her life etc. etc. But the cynics who are

already groaning inwardly should perhaps be grateful for small mercies. For news reaches The Listener that Britain's favourite redhead had formally agreed to host her own chat show on one of the big American networks. The man behind the scheme was her loyal friend, the

multimillionaire impresario

Robert Stigwood, who had the deal signed, sealed and delivered. It was only after concerned friends in Britain persuaded her that it was perhaps not a good idea to become the Royal Family's answer to Gaby Roslin that she pulled out. Shame.



Acting president

Alan Yentob: panic attack

THE French may still be spitting on our beef, but at least the Union Flag will be

flying in a small corner of Normandy from August 30. The Listener can reveal that the fragrant British actress Charlotte Rampling will be this year's president of the jury for the Deauville Annual American Film Festival. Ms Rampling will be judg-

ing a series of big-name blockbusters, picking from Eddie Murphy's film Professor Foldingue, My Doubles.



James Major: troublemaker

My Wife and Me starring Andie McDowell: Ken Russell's Escape from Los Ange-les and Bill Pullman and Will Smith's Independence Day. the No I American box-office film this summer.

One Hollywood star will not be gracing Deauville. The diminutive Tom Cruise, whose film Mission: Impossible will be represented, is too busy holidaying in Capri.

• JAMES MAJOR. son of the Prime Minister, is showing unnerving signs of becom-ing a chip off the old block

TCC. The Childrens' Channel, carried out a survey for the launch of its "Looks Like Trouble" season of programming which marks its transformation to a cable channel for teenagers. It asked 40,000 youths. via the Internet. whom they considered to be the country's biggest

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troublemaker. In at number two was the Prime Minister, who polled 6,000 votes. At number ten was James. "It is quite cool for him to get a place in the top ten." a TCC spokesman says. "He comes in just after Paul Gascoigne and Camilla Parker Bowles."

#### Small wonder

CONSIDERING the hundreds of column inches devoted to the story of the single mother pregnant with octup-lets, would it be reasonable to assume that Mandy Allwood is now a household name?

Not if you work for The Observer. In an article last Sunday headlined "I've been misquoted", the woman in question became a Mandy mallwood. Confused possibly by the paper's erratic new layout subs have perhaps been treating themselves to longer-than-usual lunches.

## An eye for the main chance

New Danger" poster at the

As the Tory party scrapped over whether it should run

such a campaign. Branson

used the affair to take a pot-

shot at his old adversary, BA.

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a press ad which carried the

line: "BA/AA merger, real

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of the two airlines' chiefs with

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Branson's agency spotted

the opportunity for a one-off

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Cheek of the devil: Branson hijacked the Tory campaign

VIRGIN Atlantic boss Rich-ADVERTISING ard Branson, never one to miss an opportunity, hijacked the publicity surrounding M&C Saatchi's "New Labour.

M&C SAATCHI'S bubble has finally burst — and the rival Cordiant group agency. Bates Dorland, has most happily burst it. Dorlands has lured a key creative duo away from Mau-

rice's breakaway shop back into the Cordiant fold. Richard Dean and Martha Riley. both former employees at Dorland's sister agency Saatchi and Saatchi, are to join Dorlands next month. Riley worked on the Club 18-30 poster campaign at Saatchis, and the pair both worked on Silk Cut and Courage Best while at M&C

Their departure marks the first senior staff loss at M&C Saatchi since it was launched 17 months ago.

THE Advertising Association is to give parents practical advice on how to bring up their offspring in a consumerdriven mass media culture.

The trade federation has assembled a set of guidelines which draw on a fund of academic research and parenting knowledge and are aimed at returning power to those who are older and wiser (and who, after all, hold the purse strings).
The guidelines, drawn up

in handy booklet form, are to be released this week and are being made available to par- k. ents through the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations, while additional copies are being sent to local education authorities and central libraries. Kids, you have been warned.

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# Hold the front page for a scoop on the girl next door

f famous faces sell maga-zines why does Gardeners World |circulation 267,165) sell more copies than Vanity Fair (82,137)? This not unreasonable question confronted readers when they opened Ben Arogundade's new magazine Extruct last

Delving further they found two pages blank, except for the words: "Close your eyes right here and imagine an eight-page fashion spread featuring slammin' celebrity supermodels wearing wildly expensive clothes... NOT in this magazine, baby!

Extract, you see, does not do celebrities. In a bold move designed to set it apart from the Hello!s of this world, Arogundade has banned the much getting so much as a chiselled cheekbone in his magazine. No photographs of the Princess of Wales, no interviews with Paul and Sheryl Gascoigne, just 100 pages devoted to the editor's specialist subject, real people.

Arogundade believes the public is now suffering from star fatigue after years of being fed a diet of recycled pictures and interviews from people who, he says, have ceased to be interesting. The public, he says, needs an

To judge by the sales of his first issue, which featured an unknown house decorator from El Salvador as its cover star, he may well have a point. Of an original print run of 50,000 copies. Extract has virtualy sold out. More than 43,000 people were willing to fork out £2.50 to read about eel-clampers, prostitutes, housewives, drugs dealers and

parish priests. The second issue, due out in two weeks' time, promises more of the same: loan sharks, rent boys, telephone hookers,

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Carol Midgley reports on a new publishing success story as jaded readers finally succumb to star fatigue



Editor Ben Arogundade's magazine is devoid of celebrities

real-life killers, a day-in-thelife of a Manchester launderette. The concept is not new, but what Arogundade claims makes Extract different is that it is exclusively about ordinary people and a celebration of their lives.

The new issue (right) fea-tures the face of Christiana Deutsch, a 22-year-old student from Wiesbaden, Germany. At a glance she appears to be a classic Hollywood starlet with pouting lips and a Marilyn Monroe hairstyle. Closer inspection reveals that her face is not, in fact, famous at all, illustrating, says Arogundade, that all of us have charisma which stems from our individual personalities.

It was Calvin Klein who recently redoubled the interest in the "real revolution" -using ordinariness and imperfection as a marketing tool with his advertising campaigns for the unisex perfume

CK One and his leanswear. Non-famous people were photographed alongside Kate Moss. When his "Lolita" jeans ads were accused of being too close to child pornography for comfort. Klein responded by saying: "The whole point of this campaign is that regular

people have a glamour inside

them which is tied to their

independence. And you can

find it anywhere, not just at

the modelling agency or movie

studio."

Arogundade, 31, says: "Editors and television producers think that the public is obsessed with Hollywood movie stars, but it obviously isn't true. Twelve million people tune in to watch Blind Date, a programme whose stars are ordinary people. More and more fashion designers are using non-famous models. Reader's Digest has never had Madonna on its front cover, but it is still the most popular

magazine in Britain. Surely this must mean something? "Celebrities cannot guaran-tee high sales or good ratings. Gaby Roslin had a lot of A-list, blue-chip names on her Channel 4 chat show and it still didn't grab people. One of the problems is that there are too few celebrities to go round. When a big star visits Britain or has a new record coming out they are courted by every

on two or three covers. Once a celebrity has given IOD interviews it is unlikely they will be able to tell you anything new ever again. Robert de Niro, George Michael and Prince never give interviews because they have real-ised there is little left to say of any great significance."

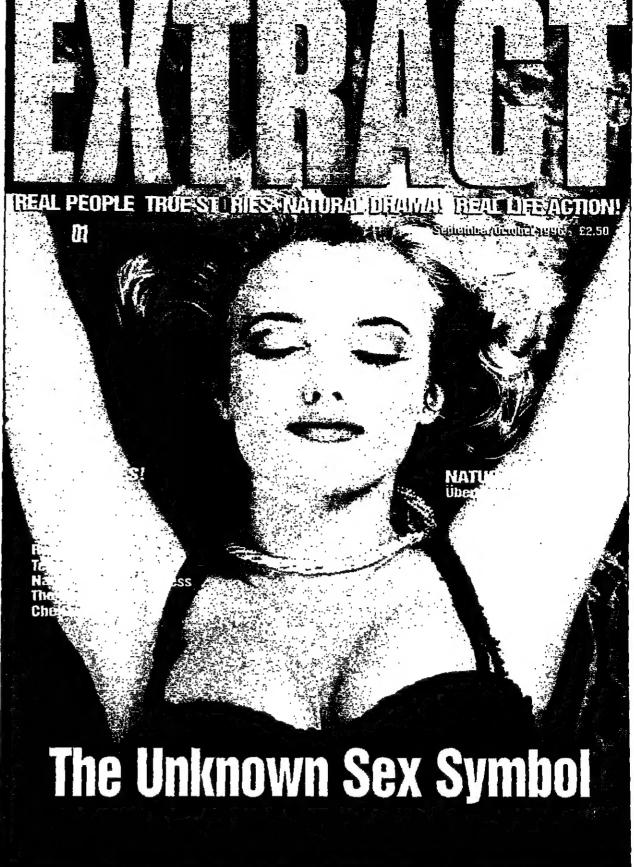
magazine so their face ends up

Arogundade, a bachelor born in London to Nigerian parents, is a former architect who, after being made redundant, began his interest in magazines. He noticed how much material was duplicated from one title to the next and set about investigating a radically different option.

He now produces Extract with the help of contributors and a tiny staff from a small office in Fulham, west London.

The magazine is published by a new com-Extract Enterprises, which is funded by the American-based publishing software develop-ers, The Media Services

Group.
"It is not as if people will get our magazine, and never read about famous people again." Arogundade says. "We simply believe that there is so much fascinating stuff to be written about the experiences of people who have never given an interview or been chased down the street by the



Extract's cover girl may look like a film star: in fact, she is Christiana Deutsch, a 22-year-old German student

## When a definition of hell is being 'kebabed' in public

et's not descend into personal abuse." Jeremy Paxman implored one of the participants in You Decide, the BBC's new public participation current affairs programme last week. It was a request that many of his interviewees on Newsnight might well have wanted to put

From my experience as a Tory press officer booking Cabinet ministers on interview programmes, most politians would describe the prospect of being berated by a combination of Paxman and a studio audience as the very definition of interview hell.

But giving the public the chance to interrogate politicians and other movers and shakers without the medium of a professional interviewer is an increasingly popular for-mat for news and current affairs programmes. It combines high ideals of democratic accountability with pragmatic considerations about cost - studio audiences are cheap, which is always a strong selling point to the networks in these days of tight

budgetary controls. You Decide is the latest of this genre. Paxman has estab-

**Simon Brooke** reveals that the worst fear of government politicians is being interrogated on radio or television by aggressive interviewers

lished a niche for himself as a tenacious and irreverent interriewer, but at least politicians believe that he plays by certain rules and his style has the merit of familiarity.

hand are, to a large extent, an unknown quantity. For a press officer whose party is in government, studio audiences present particular difficulties. Government ministers know that they will be given particularly rough treatment: a small proportion of the audience may not agree with something that the Labour Party or the Liberal Democrats stand for, but a large number will hate most of what the Government is doing. When members of a studio audience or a phone-in publicly berate a wriggling politician it is known as being kebabed".

believe this is a nonsense. "The

and live studio audiences implication that there is some-

thing magical about being a member of the public is frankly daft," says John Humphrys. a presenter on Radio 4's Today programme. "We are all mem-The public on the other bers of the public as well as being professional interviewers: we all have kids, we pay taxes, we are worried about crime and we vote."

He is sceptical about what can be achieved by allowing viewers and listeners to interrogate politicians directly. The public have been interviewing politicians in one form or unother for 25 years or so. I can only think of three or four examples of where they have come up with something. so I don't think that there is an overwhelming argument in favour of it."

Naturally, the producers of public participation program-mes have other ideas. "Other But many interviewers than at election times politi-



Jeremy Paxman: tenacious

cians rarely get to meet large numbers of ordinary people in a formal setting," says Nick Utechin, former producer of Radio 4's Any Questions? "We get people from all walks of life raising issues which seem important to them and that is very unusual. Even in an Oxford Union debate the audience is all of a certain type, whereas we might get 400 ordinary people who have come together in a hall in

Houndsworth, for example,"

Today: Most politicians prefer being interviewed on breakfast radio because they can use a radio car rather than travel to a studio. The interview slot just after the eight o'clock news is regarded as the kudos spot.

Question Time: Some politicians enjoy the opportunity to debate with the public directly but many, especially Tories, hate it. Opposition politicians find the pro gramme much easier than

Any Questions? Some politicians take the view that because it is a radio programme Any Questions? provides a more civilised,

vision's Question Time. Newsnight: It is viewed as

er than try to meet them.

WHAT THEY LOVE AND HATE ministers since they can fuel

the audience's concerns rathfor rounding off the day's events. A dust-up with Jeremy Paxman is generally regarded as good fun rather than a terrifying ordeal.

the only viewers are political

On the Record: Politicians don't like doing Sunday programmes — when else do thoughtful debate than telethey see their families? There is also the belief that

across. "It's more inquisitorial than accusatorial," according to one former minister.

Dimbleby: Politicians have discovered that Jonathan chairman and that his audience is well-behaved.

journalists listening out for a

Frost: Frost's loose, relaxed

style of questioning gives

politicians the feeling that

they can get their message

Monday front-page story.

"I enjoy being interviewed by both professionals and the public, but then I am never niding my views," says Ken Livingstone, MP.

The forceful interrogation of Margaret Thatcher by Diana Gould, a housewife, about the sinking of the Belgrano in the 1983 general election campaign, is cited as an example of how the public can go further than a professional would.

John Humphrys is seen by some politicians as too aggressive - last year Jonathan Aitken, then Chief Secretary to the Treasury, accused him of interrupting the Chancellor 32 times in one five-minute interview on Today. He went on to argue that Humphrys's style of interviewing "had poisoned the well of democratic debate".

Humphrys points to the reaction from Today listeners in defence of his interviewing techniques. "I had the biggest postbag I'd ever had — about 1,200 letters and faxes. Ninetysix per cent said keep at it and 4 per cent agreed with Aitken. "I am eternally grateful to

Aitken because you can never be absolutely certain that you're getting it right, but that reaction was immensely encouraging."

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t was difficult not to be moved by the whoop of L joy that rang through this office last Thursday as the editor who subs this column heard that her daughter had got three A levels. Across the land, most of us enjoyed the delight or vicariously suffered the sorrow of neighbours or colleagues as A-level results were posted.

There was no joy in Fleet Street, however. Editors who constantly publish why-ohwhy articles bemoaning Britain's failures spat on a success story, insulting the triumphs of thousands of students in England and Wales, their teachers and their parents. It was powerfulconfirmation that Fleet Street prefers bad news - and that if the news is good editors prefer to snatch defeat from victory. Yet the same trend passes without any of Britain's scepticism in Germany. France and Japan.

Only yesterday Terry Venables, the former England soccer coach who led England so gloriously to the semi-finals of Euro 96, was lamenting in The Times that the English were too reluctant to celebrate victory and too eager to downgrade our own achievements. I have news for Tel It's the same

## Fleet Street gets an A for moaning but E for analysis

story for schools. As record results were posted yet again last week, most editors, yet again led by the Conservative MP Sir Rhodes Boyson - who last taught in a school more than 20 years ago - joined the chorus, saying that if so many more students were passing, standards must be going down. "Suspicious", said The Daily Telegraph: "A cruel betray-al", said the Daily Express: "A bogus education", said

One of the qualities of a good journalist is curiosity. the ability repeatedly to ask the question "Why?" in the search for at least some sort of partial truth. Yet so many of the A-level newspaper reports were lazy and uncurious. Submitted as A-level papers, they would have been lucky to get a D or an E. Few reporters bothered to do even a few simple sums.

The Sunday Times.

Among all 18-year-olds in England and Wales, about 40 per cent - 240,000 -



fails. So about 32 per cent of all 18-year-olds - say about 190,000 -- succeed in passing at least one subject. Only 16 per cent of that cohort achieve an A grade - a maximum of about 30,000. given that many candidates get two or three As. That puts a spin on the A-level results that has yet to appear in any newspaper and suggests a conclusion at odds with the arguments in so many thundering leading articles.

The question becomes not whether we are doing too well but whether we are doing well enough if only 30,000 18-year-olds a year obtain the highest A-level grade. It is surely also good study for A levels. One in five news that more 18-year-olds

are achieving Ds and Es no matter what the subject; at least the general level of attainment in the British population is rising.

(As they do so, it is worth noting one small item of British social history which occurred this week - the appearance for the first time in a tabloid daily of a 36-page supplement listing university vacancies and confirming the arrival of mass higher education. All credit to the Daily Mirror, which repackaged the list offered in its sister paper, The Independent.)

It is a pity that more editors of national newspapers do not have children in sixth forms. If they did. they would understand how hard this

they are taught and just how bright the best of them are. Unlike my generation, they study science until the age of 16, most speak two foreign languages and they do nine or ten GCSEs and up to four

sort of proper context. A study in The Daily Telegraph showed that the standard of questions had certainly not changed (although it was less certain about standards of marking). The Observer had the bright idea of asking the head boy of Sir Rhodes's old school, who got four A grades, to sit his 1943 Higher School Certificate. It showed that he would have been marked down in 1943 for being too clever. A letter to The Times from the Headmasters' and Headmistress-Conference, a fierce

years and A-level results had few newspapers did try to put the annual controversy in some

years, the question would have been what was wrong with our schools. guardian of academic standards, argued that quality

The Guardian uncovered a study going back to 1910 which judged that A-level maths had become harder since 1951. The Sunday

Times found a school where

the sixth form had increased

from eight to 120 in seven

was rising in some elements of A level.

mproved by 95 per cent in the past three years. The view I shared was put in The Guardian by Tony Higgins, the chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. The critics could not have it both ways, he argued. The improvement this year was met by a cacophony of complaints. Yet if the results had been worse than in previous

Editors might also look up their back copies of The Baokseller or Prospect, both of which have published a recent lecture by Professor George Steiner. He pointed out that entrance exams in mathematics and physics for the first year university students were what would have been post-doctoral research less than 15 years ago. And we dare to say that standards

## Advertising guru is made a Tory peer

Maurice Saatchi, the advertising guru behind the controversial "demon" poster of Tony Blair, becomes one of 14 new life peers to be announced today. The honour is a reward for over 17 years' service to the Conservative Party.

Mr Saatchi, 50, is joined by Peter Gummer, the chairman of Shandwick plc and chairman-designate of the Royal Opera House, who has also been a key public relations adviser to the Tories for several years ...

#### DNA tests clear boys on school trip

■ DNA tests have ruled out five British teenage boys in the continuing investigation into the rape and murder of schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson in Brittany, French police said. The boys, who were on the school trip with the murdered girl, gave blood and saliva samples with their parents' permission \_\_\_\_ Page 1

#### Tomb worth seeing

Bank holiday sightseers with a taste for the sepulchral will have an opportunity to see inside the grandest of all English royal

#### Russian turmoil

Russia's leadership was plunged into chaos after Aleksandr Lebed charged Kremlin hardliners with forging President Yeltsin's signature on a decree ordering the recapture of Grozny .... Pages 1, 9

#### Head in the clouds

John Taylor, whose attempt to become the first black Tory MP sparked an ugly race row, said his elevation to the Lords was like ....Page 2 a "rainbow"...

'Caring' WPC at a loss A special constable who used her warrant card to help a penniless neighbour to obtain benefit has been told to resign from the Metropolitan Police....

#### Hold your breath

Britain's air will be fit to breathe by 2005, according to the Environment Secretary who unveils Europe's first national air quality strategy today... .... Page 4

#### 21-carat revenge

A diamond sorter, wrongly accused of theft, got his revenge when his wife stood outside De Beers' HQ with a poster of him in a graduation gown emblazoned with the words "Here's justice,

#### Victory for Nimbys

Residents in Aldridge, a quiet West Midlands suburb, won their battle against the expansion of a bail hostel ....

#### Row over superbean Food manufacturers and retailers are divided over a genetically modified form of the soya "super-

bean" about to hit supermarket

#### FBI's power grab

The battle for control of the US intelligence community entered an endgame with FBI plans to almost double its overseas presence and apparently leave CIA agents out in the cold.\_\_\_ Page 9

#### Dole's lieutenant

Colin Powell unexpectedly joined Bob Dole on the campaign trail for the first time amid renewed speculation that he would be Secretary of State in a Dole adminis-

#### Child-sex link

Belgian police are investigating the possibility of an East-West link in the European child-sex trade after charging a fourth paedophile suspect...........Page 10

#### Poison arsenal

The arrest of two German businessmen suspected of smuggling equipment to Libya for making poison gas has confirmed fears of Western intelligence that Colonel Gaddafi is building up a chemi-....Page 5 cai arsenai....

## For better, for worse, at a D-I-Y store

Tyou can do it if you B&Q it," says the jingle, and the possibilities will soon extend to instore marriage if Britain's largest D-I-Y retailer gets its way. B&Q has applied for its new superstore in Cambridge to be registered as a venue for civil marriages. Store manager Emma Carrigan said: "It is bein done very tastefully".



Tony Heffernam puts the final touches to the stage for tonight's inaugural production at the reconstructed Globe Theatre. Report, page I

## BUSINESS

Halifax: Halifax Building Society has spent nearly £300 million in two years on special mortgage incentives such as discounted home loans and cash-backs to attract .Page 23

Hotels: Thistle Hotels plans a flotation next month, valuing the company at between £1 billion and £1.5

Economy: Fresh economic data showing further strong growth in consumer credit and a continued demand for home loans brought cheer to the City ...... ....Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 19.7 points to close at 3883.4. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose to 84.8 after a rise from \$1.5453 to \$1.5471 and from DM2.2996 to DM2.3043...

#### Cricket: Ed Giddins, one of the English game's brightest young fast bowlers, was banned until April 1988 after being found guilty of using cocaine....

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Football: Alan Shearer will make his home debut for Newcastle United against Wimbledon in a probable three-man attack alongside Faustino Asprilla and Les Ferdinand.

Motor racing: Friday practice is to be abolished and an extra grand prix added in a package of changes to the Formula One programme from next season .... .... Page 44

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Victoria and Albert's mausoleum is a unique symbol of the higher Victorian values, well worth the

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#### JOHN GRIGG

How does the political scene today: compare with 1906? Now as then, a Conservative Government, after a long period in office, is faced with the likelihood of overwhelming defeat. Now as then, the Tories seem divided and unable to control events, while the main opposition party appears to have regained its ...Page 14 confidence ....

#### ALAN COREN

Cometh the hour, cometh the man. . It must, of course, be the right man at the right hour: had it been, say, the infant Isaac Newton watching his mother's kettle-lid rattling up and down, there is scant chance that his observation would have led to the 8.14 from Orpington, nor may we be any more confident that had a Virginian potato fallen on Walter Raleigh's head, the world would have ended up with gravity rather than chips...

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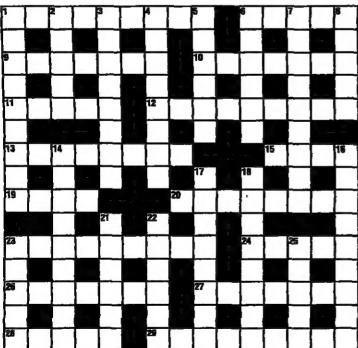
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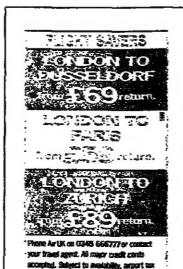


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